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Bethel getting out of weapons permit business

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel residents seeking a concealed weapons permit will now get them through the State Police, following a recent vote by Bethel selectmen.

The board had been issuing the permits after the Oxford County Sheriff's Department did background checks.

Town Manager Jim Doar said selectmen are authorized by state law to issue the permits, or they can designate a police chief.

When Bethel had a PD, that's what happened.

"Now that we don't have a police department we kept it as a courtesy," Doar said at the last board meeting. "We're not a faceless state employee or State Police. They can come in and talk to us or call us if there's a problem."

But now, he said, "I get

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Sandbagged by Mother Nature



The plan called for improvements to the Lake Christopher dam to start in late August, when the water level is typically at its lowest. That was the case when work by Cross Excavation of Bethel first got underway last week. But on Sept. 2 Mother Nature had other ideas, dumping inches of rain on the area and raising the lake level about a foot. Fortunately, sand bags that had been placed around a section of the dam to be replaced held. On Tuesday morning Jack Cross was standing in the now-deeper water, placing more bags while engineer Jim Sysko navigated his way back to not-dry land. In the center foreground is a new concrete wall poured last week. The spillway is to the left. By Wednesday, the weather and prospects for the dam work were looking up.

(A. Aloisio)

Deaf, blind AT hiker gets helping hands in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

A deaf and nearly blind hiker is nearing the end of his 2,185-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, and several Bethel residents have been helping him out as he approaches his goal.

Roger Poulin of Winthrop, Maine, was born with Usher Syndrome, which affects both vision and hearing and also causes problems with balance. He is blind in one eye and has only tunnel vision in the other.

He set out on his journey more than three years ago, accompanied by Roni Lepore of New Jersey, who serves as what is known as a Special Service Provider.

Like Poulin, Lepore is deaf. They met in 2007 at the Helen Keller National Center in New York while attending a Deaf-Blind Interpreters Training Seminar.

Poulin told Lepore about his dream to hike the AT, and he also said he needed an SSP to go with him. Poulin said he wanted to do the hike in part to show others who are deaf-blind that the dual disability doesn't have to stop them from taking on challenges. Lepore, a hiker herself, agreed to go along.

After doing a lot of research and taking camping classes, the two were prepared for their adventure - and for however long it took them to complete it.

Poulin used trekking poles to help him with his balance, as well as arm and shin guards, safety glasses, gloves and a helmet. Climbing over all the rocks, roots and other obstacles on the trail resulted in frequent falls, and he often ran into low-hanging tree branches.

He communicated with

Lepore using American Sign Language. The two went by the trail names "Adventurous Cane" (Poulin) and "Rambling Shamrock."

Along the way, Poulin said on Friday, they met many hikers who were amazed at his progress. It was slower than what he had first anticipated, however.

"At first, I thought that I could complete it in six to eight months, perhaps nine months (like Bill Irwin - 'The Blind Courage')," Poulin said. "When I began hiking from the Springer Mountain, I became frustrated so quickly when I realized that I couldn't keep up with other hikers and hikers passing me most of the time. I had to change my entire view of the hiking world ... I do not have to force myself to fit with the 'mold' of normal and sighted hikers' ability. I re-framed my thinking by focusing on my needs, well-being, and safety to hike. If I need more time to get through, it is OK. It was not easy in the beginning. Over time, it became easier on me to accept that I hike on my own terms - Deaf-Blind Time (DBT). I give all what I can do to get through in one piece, then I am contented that I know that I do my best to continue with hikers."

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Newry tax maps, info to go online

By ALISON ALOISIO

"Maybe people will spend their weekends doing research into who's taxed what," Newry selectboard Chair Wendy Hanscom said after the board recently approved putting tax information online.

Town Administrator Lo-

retta Powers recommended the move.

"Everyone's wanting our tax maps online, and of course our commitment book - all the real estate agents want it," said Powers.

The commitment book has such property information as owner's name, owner and lot address,

map and lot number, acreage and land value.

Powers said people will also be able to check the town's mil rate before buying property in Newry.

Currently, those interested in obtaining the information must call or come into the Town Office.

"It will make it a lot easier on a lot of people," said selectman Gary Wight. "Maybe you won't be bothered so much - then again, maybe more."

The town's computer consultant will create a link from the town's website in the near future.

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New Greenwood Town Office work underway

By ALISON ALOISIO

Excavation for the new Greenwood Town Office got started this week, but tentative plans for a full, or even a half, basement have been scratched.

The new office will be a modular building located next to the Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Selectboard Chairman Fred Henderson had advocated for spending a little ex-

tra money now for a full basement in order to give the townspeople of the future the option of using it for meeting space and storage.

But Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said at a board meeting last month that in order to do that, or even to use it for town storage space, an elevator would have to be installed to make it handi-

cap accessible.

In the case of storage space, the accessibility requirement would still apply to ensure it would be available for any employee, she said.

The board decided to drop the plan because of the cost, and the building will instead be built on a concrete slab.

Henderson said he would have to be satisfied with knowing that he had

at least tried to implement the basement idea.

The delivery date for the building is scheduled for Oct. 1. Road foreman Alan Seames is doing the excavation work at the site.

Road complaints In other business this week, selectmen discussed what to do about complaints by residents

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Hanover to consider road plowing again

By ALISON ALOISIO

Hanover selectmen will hold a special board meeting Tuesday to discuss the potential cost of plowing the South Shore Road.

Selectmen voted in 2008 to close the narrow, one-mile dirt road along Howard Pond to winter maintenance for 10 years.

But that period has come to an end.

Road resident Jeff Eaton argued last winter that the road should be reopened to winter maintenance because the number of homes on it has increased.

About three dozen homes or seasonal camps are on the road, and about seven are used in the winter.

The road has been plowed privately for 20 years.

The property owners do get a benefit for not getting plowed by the town, according to town officials - a 15 percent adjustment on the assessment on their land.

Town officials have also said some road property owners, particularly those who only use their property in the summer, have no interest in having the town plow and,

in turn, readjust their assessment.

The town estimated last winter that the cost to take over plowing at \$13,000 a year, a figure that also includes the annual installation of a snow fence in an open area and a contingency amount in case a front-end loader is needed.

The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. at the Hanover Town House.

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Letters

SUPPORT TELSTAR FOOTBALL

To the Editor:

Telstar High School Football is gearing up for the 2013 season. There are eight regular season games scheduled for this season. Our games are as follows: Saturday, Sept. 7 vs. Oak Hill (home) at 1:30; Friday, Sept. 13 vs. Boothbay (away) at 7; Saturday, Sept. 21 vs. Old Orchard Beach (home) at 1:30; Friday, Sept. 27 vs. Dirigo (away) at 7; Saturday, Oct. 5 vs. Winthrop (homecoming game) at 1:30; Saturday, Oct. 12 vs. Traip (home) at 1:30; Friday, Oct. 18 vs. Maranacook (away) at 7; and Friday, Oct. 25 vs. Sacopee (away) at 7:00.

We hope to see everyone come out to the games to support football, the players, and show their support for the sport of football. Admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and students \$2. Telstar Football Boosters meet every Tuesday from 6 to 7 in the Telstar Library. We welcome new members! Come one, come all!

*Telstar Football Boosters
Tim O'Connor, head coach*

THANKS FROM BETHEL LIBRARY

To the Editor:

The Bethel Library Association would like to extend a warm thank you to a number of local restaurants that have donated gift certificates: SS Milton, Mill Hill Inn, 22 Broad Street, Sudbury, Bethel Inn, Cho Sun, Kowloon Village, Crossroads Diner, Inman's Dairy Bar, Pat's Pizza, Good Food Store, Smokin' Good BBQ, Jolly Drayman, Erin's Cafe, and Rooster's Roadhouse. Because of their generosity, we are able to raffle off three fantastic prize packages, each featuring several different restaurant meals/gift certificates. Tickets are available from any library trustee or at the library. The cost is \$2 per ticket or \$5 for three tickets. The drawings will take place at the Harvest Fest on Sept. 21. The library depends on every penny raised through this and other fundraising efforts. Please take a chance and support our local library!

*Darcy Chase
Bethel Library Association*

FLOWERS THANKS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Foxgloves and Daisies for their beautiful flower garden around the tennis courts in Andover. They give a colorful and welcoming touch to the town.

*Carolyn McGuire
Rumford*

SEASON TO SEE FOLLY

To the Editor:

I can see the political lobbyists suiting up for war and hear the roar of millions of dollars pouring down the campaign drain. It is approaching election time in America, the time of half-truths and outright lies. What a way to go! The end of reason looms and the cult of demagoguery continues apace.

The search for truth is a waste of time because truth no longer exists. There is only your truth and my truth. The more you spout your truth, the more I believe mine. The gulf is Grand Canyon deep and Grand Canyon wide. It provokes widespread despair that takes many forms: apathy; rage; flight into triviality; crime in the streets; unbridled lust; and suicide.

Must it all end that way? Is optimism dead? It is difficult to be politically optimistic today. The future is murky at best.

There is, however, life beyond the political and public arenas. Creative people still exist. Their creations help to defeat disease, explore the cosmos, and teach the young. As long as that spark remains, there is hope that life will prevail. There have been many dark times in human history and somehow light has returned.

A renaissance is possible. I hope it will be inspired by those small groups of people who have managed to this day to live in harmony with each other, with cooperation and fairness as their mantras, and with a shared sense of belongingness to the same tribe.

*Hubert Kauffman
Oxford*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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HUNGRY KINGDOM

To the Editor:

Good news on the Hungry Kingdom front: the program will be operating again at Andover Elementary School for the new academic year beginning this fall.

As you know, the Hungry Kingdom program assures that every student in Andover Elementary School gets breakfast, lunch and a snack-milk during the school day. There's a lot of research, buttressed by just plain common sense, that kids learn better when they are not hungry. Hungry Kingdom assures that each child gets those meals regardless of economic circumstances and is treated the same as every other student in our school.

In fact, Andover's Hungry Kingdom program has been so successful over the past half-dozen years that Yankee Magazine is planning a feature on it for its November/December issue. Hopefully, that kind of broad publicity will let it be a model for other communities in Maine and beyond.

The program has received continuing support from Andover residents to make it a reality each year, and we're again asking you to lend your own financial support to this important work for our Andover kids.

Please send your tax-deductible contributions to the Hungry Kingdom Fund at the Andover First Congregational Church, PO Box 249, Andover, Maine 04216 by mailing your contributions payable to "Andover First Congregational Church," noting on the memo line "Hungry Kingdom Fund."

*Sharon Hutchins,
Hungry Kingdom Committee Chair*

CREATE A SCARECROW FOR HARVESTFEST

To the Editor:

Gardens and farm stands are overflowing and the kids are back in school—that means it's time again for Bethel's annual Harvestfest and Chowdah Cookoff on Sept. 21! To help get the town in the harvest-time spirit, we're asking local businesses to build creative and festive scarecrow displays. This year's theme is "It's a Green Thing," as we're making an effort to make our events more earth-friendly. The deadline for creating your display is Monday, Sept. 16, and judging will take place the week before the event. Prizes for members of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce will be advertising credits for our upcoming Visitors' Guide—\$200 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third. If you have questions or plan to enter, please contact us at 824-2282 or info@bethelmaine.com.

We are also seeking entries from restaurants in the Chowdah Cookoff, and from individuals for the Apple Pie Contest. The Apple Pie Contest features three categories: amateur, professional, and non-traditional, and winners in each category receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Good Food Store. More information on entering the contests (including online registration), the complete schedule, and much more is available at www.bethelharvestfest.com. See you there!

*Jessie Perkins
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce*

RECEPTION THANKS

To the Editor:

Just a short note of thanks to all those who made my recent birthday and retirement party such a special time. It was a deeply moving event and it was great to see so many familiar faces. Over one hundred, including Richard Blanco, signed the guest book and I know there were several dozen others who missed this opportunity.

It was great to have State Historian Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. there to present me with a University of Maine Chair, which had once been owned by his predecessor, the late Robert M. York, who was once a member of the History Department at the University of Maine before he became Dean of Academic Affairs at what is now the Gorham campus of the University of Southern Maine. It was here that I became acquainted with Dr. York and in my sophomore year took his course in Maine history. He became a lifelong friend and spoke on Maine history several times at the Bethel Historical Society.

I appreciated very much all the remarks made by others and was particularly surprised by the Executive Director Randall Bennett's announcement that the Dr. Moses Mason Exhibit Hall would be named in my honor.

I am also deeply indebted to all those who worked so hard to make this event such a success. We were blessed with a gorgeous day that unfolded so seamlessly.

As I always emphasize when I am honored, any success I have had is due to so many remarkable people who worked so closely with me and made much significant progress possible. It is to those individuals, some of whom are now gone, that I owe a salute for their outstanding contributions. I shall never forget how well so many people have served the Bethel Historical Society in so many ways through all these many years.

*Stan Howe
Bethel*

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

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Celladore

'How do you live on such little money?'

There are unexpected side benefits from sewing as well as economy. It does away with long shopping hours in the city. Making over garments of sheer wool taught me a greater appreciation for the talented painter of water colors. Neither medium can stand much tampering with; the first strokes need to be sure.

The "make do" items are legion. We had moved so much that I had never owned an ironing board, a too-bulky piece of household equipment. Here we made one from an old wide maple board. It is padded with worn-out blankets, covered with the strong sides of worn-out sheets. Old velvet scraps do for the press cloths. It turns out just as professional work as the modern boards. It is convenient, has no legs, can be stored anywhere, slipped in beside the icebox. I found just the right height to suit me with one end of the board on the kitchen counter and the other on a stepladder. Now we could sell the board for a coffee table and get enough money to buy several new boards but I wouldn't part with this one.

Each morning after breakfast I trot about with my buttercup yellow porcelain teapot and water the registers. Vents from the hot air furnace come up to the floor, are covered with iron grills. Under these in the four corners is room for little pans. I also keep water in a royal Doulton umbrella stand, useless, but kept for the shades in the flower design and the delicate grays of the stork. Upstairs Ogodon and Curron ink jugs hold water. These containers, along with the steam from the teakettles always on the stove, are our humidifiers.

We found here in the woodshed an old wooden mop handle with wires to hold cloth. Stuffed with pieces of thermal underwear, it cleans as well as any modern device. True one has to stoop over to wring it, but this is good exercise. After work, it is stood upside down outside in the sun; when dry the dirty rags flung into the fire, a new set put in.

B.B. when young was not exposed to these make-do experiences but he adapted quite easily, an outlet for the imagination. His project was inspired by Kristie. He came in from the barn one evening and asked me to show him how to run the sewing machine. He had only two narrow strips of thick cloth in his hand, stitched a bit, disappeared, came back.

I heard him muttering and came out to see what he was doing. He was making a horse blanket from some old grain sacks. I suggested that instead he use some of the pieces of worn-out bed coverings, not rare pieced and quilted ones that we had had for furniture-packing cloths. We laid them out on the kitchen floor, pinned them together to make one sheet-sized piece.

I delayed trying to arrange them in a pleasing color combination; B.B. was impatient to move on. He stitched these together, went back to the barn. Soon he was in for safety pins and I could not resist interfering. "You don't know anything about horse blankets," he said.

"True," said I, "but I do know a lot about dressmaking. I'm sure that I can fit this around Kristie's shoulders and neck better than you can." He let me try; was amazed. The finished blanket fit very well, a motley-looking affair that Kristie jauntily wore with the air of a harlequin. It lasted for three years.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: After decades of playing host to camping families, Abbott's Anchorage on South Pond in Woodstock concluded its final season.

A reception was held to introduce new faculty and staff at Gould Academy.

Births: Nikolas Eric Wilson, Cheyenne Elizabeth Palmer, Emma Caitlin Bernier, Andrew John Merrill, Ryan Daniel Crockett.

Deaths: Michael Donald Forkus, Richard E. Mason.

20 years ago: The Phillips family of Hi Vu Farm, Woodstock, was chosen Maine's Dairy Farm of the Year.

Telstar's soccer team was off to a winning start, shutting out Leavitt 4-0 in their season opener.

Birth: Jonathan Peter Kuvaja.

Deaths: Madelyn "Duffy" Brooks, Bruce C. Holt, Sarah L. Schmittke.

30 years ago: Earlon "Bud" Paine retired as Bethel Postmaster, a position he had held since 1963.

The Fabric Emporium, formerly located on the second floor of the Naimy Block moved to its new quarters in the Kailey Building on Main Street.

Births: Darcie Eleanor Buker, Pamela Jean Howes.

Deaths: Bertrand W. Rugg, Sr., James B. Green.

40 years ago: Members of the Bethel Lions Club, their wives and guests, enjoyed a corn roast and cookout at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jay Willard.

The Bethel Savings Bank raised its rates on certificates of deposit of \$500 or more to 6.5 percent for one to two years, and 6.75 percent for two and one-half years.

Births: Jill Lynn Howard, Kristy Jean Harrington.

Deaths: Alan Holt, W. Paul Dickson.

50 years ago: Gov. Reed and the Executive Council authorized funds for the purchase of land for a state park in Grafton Notch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Coolidge, Tommie and Herbie returned to their home on Railroad Street after spending the summer at Twitchell Pond, Greenwood.

Births: Debra Lea Farrington, Evelyn Ruth George.

60 years ago: Cooler weather was being predicted after more than a week of temperatures in the high 90s. Fire danger was high, and crops were suffering.

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship had a campfire meeting at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson.

Deaths: Harvey H. Billings, Mrs. Alice Wilbur Clark.

70 years ago: Isaac W. Dyer II opened an office in the Cole Block for the practice of law.

Francis Berry and Stanley Davis were on a bicycle trip through the New England States and New York.

Death: Miss Ella F. Sanborn.

80 years ago: Miss Ruth Leavengood joined the teaching staff at Gould Academy.

John Harrington, Fritz Tyler, Lauris Tyler and Parker Connor visited the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago.

Deaths: Walter Yeargle, Horace S. Perry, Frank DeSalle.

90 years ago: The First Universalist Church of Bethel extended a call to Rev. Walter W. Wolfe of Bolton, Mass., to serve as pastor of the church for one year.

Deaths: Mrs. Nancy B. Emery, Richard M. Williamson, Jane Clare Adams.

100 years ago: The store of Woodbury and Purington was broken into and about \$100 worth of goods taken.

Deaths: Hon. Liberty Holden.

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Sequestration strikes in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

The effects of federal sequestration have reached the Town of Bethel. The town recently received a letter from the State Treasurers Office, Town Manager Jim Doar told selectmen at their last meeting.

The state office had heard from the U.S. Forest Service, the letter

said, that because of sequestration that took effect in March, 5.1 percent of federal payments made have since been cut from the federal budget, according to Doar.

"You received a check for \$13.83 from the Forest Service," the letter said.

Said Doar, "They want 70 cents back."

The town's options were to send a check or have the

amount deducted from its next state revenue sharing payment.

"What is your pleasure?" Doar asked the board with a smile.

"Make them squirm," said Pat Carter.

"Send 75 cents to throw off their accounting," suggested Peter Southam.

"Just handle it," said Don Bennett.

Doar said he would.

Briefly

Fires ravage area homes

Two fires within hours of each other last Wednesday destroyed or damaged homes in Norway and Waterford. A cooking accident at Edward and Jill Gabrielson's house destroyed their home, the former Jonathan Swift House on Patch Mountain Road. A subject inside at the time escaped unharmed, but a dog was killed. Fire departments from five towns battled the blaze. That evening, lightning touched off a fire on Lewis Pike Road in South Waterford, causing an estimated \$150,000 in damage to the home of Stanley Blane, who was not home at the time. Firefighters from four towns responded to that fire.

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of the Irish Neighborhood about their road.

At the Aug. 20 board meeting, a half dozen residents came to discuss the issue.

Maureen Herrick said the road was in such poor condition "you can't drive down one side of it." A 10-inch rock also sticks up from the pavement, she said.

She said she has had to put new tie rods and ball joints on her car.

She also said there were fallen trees encroaching on the road, and it is in need of ditching.

Herrick noted that 17 years ago, only four families lived on the road or on roads that branch off it, but now there are 19 year-round residences.

Resident Rod Harrington suggested selectmen have a look at the

road and go at night. "In the headlights it looks like you're running over mountains," he said.

He estimated that the 37 residences that front the road pay a total of about \$100,000 in taxes, and they should get more in return.

Herrick said Greenwood officials don't see the road much because it is plowed under an arrangement with Bethel.

"We live in Greenwood, but we're in Bethel," she said.

Selectman Amy Chapman said the feedback was the first she had heard from anyone on the road, but acknowledged she had been on it and "it's a mess. Unfortunately it's not the only road that's a mess."

Sparks said the town's road improvement plan

calls for every five years approving a \$500,000 bond for work.

"We have another two years before we go for another \$500,000," she said.

Chapman said the road should at least be ditched and any trees moved away.

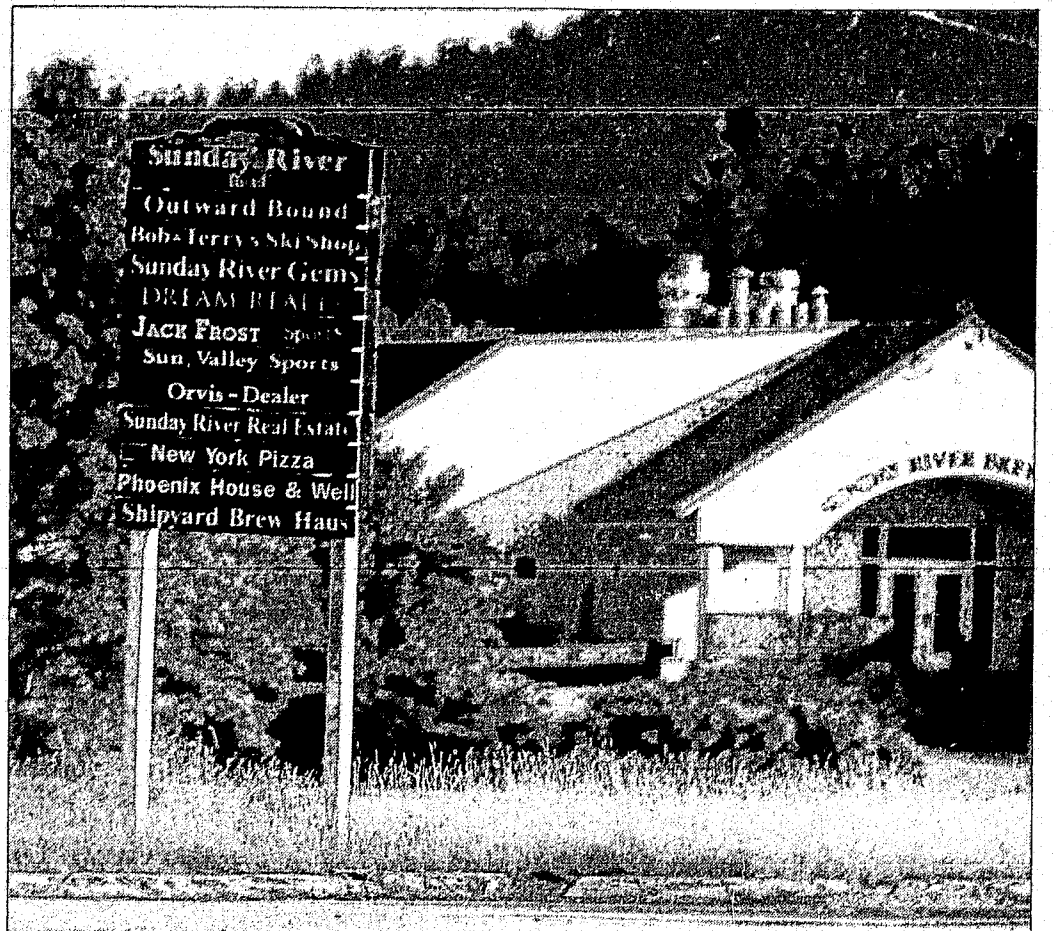
After that meeting selectmen went to have a closer look for themselves.

On Tuesday they gave their assessments.

Arnie Jordan said he did not think the road was as bad as the residents had described.

Chapman agreed. "But it's bad," she said.

Seames said the road is on a list - along with others in town - for ditching.



OUT WITH THE OLD - Bethel's old roadside business directional signs came down last week in anticipation of applications for signs that will comply with the amended ordinance, which was approved in June. Town Manager Jim Doar said the old signs do not comply with the new ordinance and were removed once the town awarded the bid for the new signs. So far, he said, there have been two applications submitted for new ones. Shown here is the old sign post, now gone, at the intersection of Route 2 and the Sunday River Road. (file photo)

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more complaints about this, between all the different steps and the waiting."

He said weeks can elapse while the OCSD gets the applications and works through the background checks.

"It might be smoother and easier to let the State Police do the whole thing and keep the records," Doar told selectmen. "Let's get out of this business."

Said selectman Don Bennett, "There are

times when you see a name and you have a little more information than perhaps someone out there will on checks. But it doesn't do you any good to have the information because the criteria they need to work with are pretty specific."

Town Clerk Christen Mason said most people who come into the Town Office to apply favor having the State Police do the work.

"A comment you hear from people is, 'Why

don't you let the State Police do it? It would be so much easier for us,'" she said.

Doar said many people already fill out the State Police application, available online, and bring it to Bethel officials.

The board voted unanimously to make the change.

Asked later, Doar said there are currently 100 active permits in Bethel. He said most recent applications have been renewals, with only a few new applicants.

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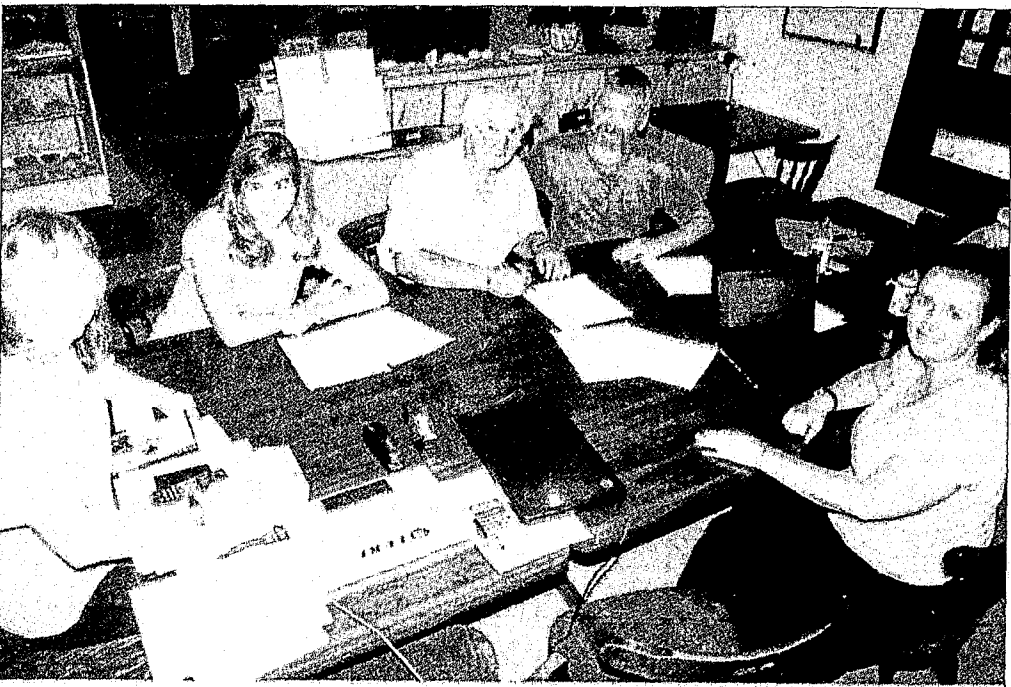
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On the trail. From left: Roni Lepore, Roger Poulin, Paul Austin, Molly Siegel and Samantha Southam. (Submitted photo)



For the Citizen interview, questions were typed on Lepore's laptop. She then signed them to Poulin, and typed his responses. Pictured are, from left: Patti Parsons, Molly Siegel, Jeff Parsons, Roger Poulin and Roni Lepore. Poulin and Jeff Parsons also communicated the old-fashioned way - by hand-writing notes to each other. (A. Aloisio)

ing and be patient to reach my dream. I didn't expect that it would take more than two years, but if it takes four years to do it, then it is OK with me."

When the pair arrived in Maine in June, the going got tougher.

On Friday Poulin described his experience here in an interview at Bethel Outdoor Adventures, where Jeff and Patti Parsons and Molly Siegel have been among local outdoorspeople providing them with lodging and assistance.

"Maine is very challenging to hike compared to other states that I hiked in," said Poulin, who signed his description to Lepore, who in turn typed it out on a laptop computer. "On the trail, there are many exposed roots, large-sized boulders, muddy/bog/boreal fields, steep to climb down especially wet and slippery rock/trail. Prior to the White Mountains and Maine, my daily average of miles to hike was between 12 to 15 miles a day. Upon my entrance into the White Mountains and beyond, my daily average dropped to 5 miles a day. By encountering this challenging terrain on the trail, I work hard to negotiate and get through. My body works very hard and I get pretty exhausted by end of day. The weight of my backpack creates another challenge for me to go over the challenging terrain as well due to my balance issue."

"When I first came to Bethel Outdoor Adventure in June, I met Jeffrey and Patti Parsons. I asked them to shuttle us to the Grafton Notch State Park. My original plan was to hike 95 miles from Grafton Notch State Park to Route 27 in Stratton - around 10 days of hiking."

"I met them again a few weeks later, in July, to inquire where we can find a store to replace my broken bicycle helmet. Somehow, it led us to discuss my AT hik-

ing plans with Jeff and Patti and all of us got involved to get some help from the Bethel Outdoor Adventure with my hiking challenges."

Poulin's original timetable fell by the wayside.

"I had to exit in Andover when I experienced severe case of heartburn and dizzy vision," he said. "I didn't expect the terrain to be that daunting. I had to get off the trail to get some rest. We had to change my hiking plans several times and we finally completed our section this past Wednesday, 28-August."

Poulin got some extra guidance from Siegel and others through the Mahoosuc Notch.

"From Grafton going south, it goes through the Mahoosuc Notch," said Poulin. "It required special hiking plans since my SSP didn't feel comfortable going in without support person(s). The blind hiker, Bulldog, in 2010 went through that area and it took him 9.5 hours to get through 1.1 miles of Mahoosuc Notch. With Operation MNOB (Mahoosuc Notch Or Bust) comprised of three hikers (Molly Siegel, Sam Southam, and Paul Austin), we were able to get through without major incident within 4.5 hours."

Siegel had helped Poulin and Lepore earlier with a re-supply hike. For the Mahoosuc hike, she and the others hiked two miles north on the trail and met the pair headed south.

"Roni let him know if there were dangers," said Siegel. "We didn't have to do that much. We took some of their gear."

To warn Poulin of potential danger, such as a hole, Lepore would tap on one of Poulin's poles to get his attention and then sign a warning.

Siegel said she enjoyed the unique circumstance of hiking along without a steady chatter among the group, which provided more opportunity to take in the natural

surroundings.

She also said she was impressed "at how aware [Poulin] is of his surroundings, how well he uses his poles, and what a good system he and Lepore have to make it all work."

Poulin and Lepore left Bethel Saturday for the last leg of the hike - 114.5 miles from Route 15 in Monson to the summit of Mt. Katahdin, via the 100-Mile Wilderness.

Poulin was asked what he would do when he finishes his journey.

"People have been asking of me to write a book sharing my experience for the past three years," he said. "To be frank with you, all I think about is take one thing at a time - to reach the northern terminus of Mt. Katahdin. Once I conquer the Mt. Katahdin, then I can start thinking about how to share my experience with the world. The reason for that is that I sustained an injury to my ribcage that forced me off the trail last July 2012 and ended my hiking season. Therefore, I want to focus on my 'last haul.'"

He's grateful for the help he has received while in the Bethel region.

"These folks at the Bethel Outdoor Adventure are like my family!" he said. "I feel very welcome and being part of the community. These people make effort to communicate with me in any way they are able to via paper/pen, smartphone, laptop, email, gesture, etc. I am a lucky man meeting the Parsons and folks of the Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Bethel. They make an impact on my hiking experience by giving me some support. Without them, I may never know how much progress I might have made otherwise in Maine if not for them."

To follow Poulin and Lepore's progress on their last leg, see their blog at <http://atdeafblinddream.wordpress.com/>.

available online, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, saves staff time. Property owners have the ability to "opt out" of having their information on the O'Donnell website. Maxfield said that of about 1,500 taxpayers, 150 have opted out.

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Joe Perham remembered

By MARK LAFLAMME,
Sun Media Wire

Joe Perham, a Maine humorist, teacher and occasional actor, died last week, and praise for his long career was everywhere you turned in the days that followed.

On Facebook, where Perham had maintained a page, words of love and admiration go on and on. Same on YouTube, where several of Perham's comedy clips and performances can be found.

Around West Paris and beyond, people were sharing stories and expressing gratitude for the man who did a little bit of everything.

"I was fortunate to have Joe as an English teacher through my freshman year of high school," said Kristi Bancroft of West Paris. "Today, I also teach freshman English, but have never had the impact on students that he did. He also coached me on my speech for graduation week, and we remained friends into my teaching career."

"I still remember many of his one-liners, and admire how he would recite poetry, speeches from Shakespeare, and scenes from other great plays," Bancroft wrote. "May his humor live on! He sure put West Paris on the map!"

Perham was 80. For a quarter-century, he worked throughout Maine, performing as several characters. He released more than a dozen albums and was said to be an influence on that other Maine humorist, Tim Sample.

In one interview, Sample described Perham as a "seriously funny guy with a professionally honed native wit, which inevitably leaves his audiences weak from laughter."

In 1990, Perham appeared as a mill inspector in the film "Graveyard Shift," an adaptation of Stephen King's short story. Friends said he and his wife Margaret also appeared in "Bed & Breakfast" with Roger Moore and Colleen Dewhurst.

Mostly, though, he was known for his regional comedy, which centered on things such as outhouses and pig farming. He started recording those stories on vinyl, but by the end, Perham's material was in digital form, too.

"This was basically his retirement job," said musician Conni St. Pierre of Bethel. "He was definitely a genius at what he did."

A genius who liked to get out among the people. St. Pierre said that back in the days when Perham's material was on cassettes, he peddled them town by town from the trunk of his car.

"He was literally going around to all the mom and pop stores," she said. "It gave him an excuse to



Joe Perham
(Photo by joeperham.com)

drive around Maine and meet the people. And they got to meet him."

Perham produced 17 titles, which included both comedy and the rich Maine stories he liked to tell. The titles themselves have a decidedly Down East flair, such as "Out Behind the Barn," "Trap Corner Revisited," and "6 a.m. at the Trap Corner Store."

St. Pierre said that when he'd show up to record his work, Perham would sometimes come with a posse of as many as 30 people.

You know: for background.

"He would recruit the best laughs that he knew," St. Pierre said. She was laughing pretty heartily herself as she recalled it.

In recent years, Perham continued to sell his work, St. Pierre said, with the help of his grandson, Luke Gizinski, who lives in Lewiston.

Elaine Emery of West Paris is used to perform with Perham, handling the musical components while Perham handled the jokes.

"We had a really good time," Emery said. "He was always funny and he knew the business. He could always come up with a one-liner or a whole joke." And while Emery was the musician of the pair, Perham dabbled a bit in that, too. Thinking about it made Emery chuckle.

"He could never get his guitar in the right key," she said. "He'd call me up and say, 'I've got a gig and my guitar is out of tune. Can you tune it for me?' So he'd come over and I'd tune his guitar. He'd tell me a joke or two and then off he'd go."

While most people talked about his comedy, few neglected to point out that when he wasn't making people laugh, he was helping out in any way he could.

"He was a very dear person to a lot of people," Emery said. "And I was one of them."

Emery said that as a lay preacher (Perham did that, too), he counseled a lot of people who were grieving or otherwise in distress. He knew people, she said. He knew how to comfort them.

"He was just a wonderful person," Emery said. Vance Bacon grew up with Perham. Cousins,

they knew each other all of their lives. So was Perham always funny?

As far as Bacon recalls, yes, indeed.

"He could stand up somewhere for hours and tell all kinds of jokes and stories," Bacon said. "We're going to miss him."

Perham graduated from Colby College in Waterville with a master's degree in English and education. He taught English, but also — naturally — speech and drama. How good a teacher was he? Good enough that his lessons are reaching into the next generation.

"It is a powerful thing to get a classroom of students to sit still waiting for the conclusion, and no one did it better," Razell Smedberg-Ward of Chesterville wrote on Perham's Facebook wall. "I was just retelling one of his stories to my niece on a long car ride the other day, and crediting Joe with the details and nuances that kept her attentive."

By the age of 50, his comedy was established enough that he could retire from teaching and do it full time.

Friends said Perham recently retired because he had Alzheimer's disease.

Although Perham was known worldwide, the people who lived in West Paris tend to think of him as their very own.

"I'm not exaggerating," said Rick Denison, who grew up in the area. "Joe was our own 'living treasure' in the Oxford Hills, like the ones in Japan who are revered for their artistry and as custodians of cultural traditions."

"One of the traditions Joe maintained was the outhouse joke, on which he was arguably the world's leading authority," Denison said. "As a teacher he is remembered fondly by every student who ever passed through his classroom and found inspiration, and by his academic peers. As a friend and family man he was exemplary. He accepted with alacrity the invitation to deliver the eulogy at the funeral of my father, a man who appreciated a good Maine story as much as anyone and more than most."

"Whatever the hereafter's equivalent to the Trap Corner Store is," Denison said, "he's there now, reminding everyone about the famous brakeless West Paris fire truck and the goings-on at Penley's mill."

St. Pierre said she was sad last Thursday night. "Sad and devastated," in fact. She was comforted, though, by the fact that Perham enjoyed such a long and happy career and also by the certainty that he'll be remembered a long time.

"Joe was an amazing person," she said, "and he's left a unique legacy of humor and oral history."

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Powers said the website arrangement will be similar to that of the town of Harrison.

Last year Woodstock joined Greenwood in offering tax-assessment information and photos for individual properties online. Woodstock pays \$1,700 a year for the service through its assessing agent, O'Donnell and Associates.

Users may search the public information database according to such topics as the name of a property owner, street, map/lot number and documents (including real estate transfer tax forms, tree growth applications, building permits and sketches, deeds, homestead applications and veterans applications).

Having the information

available online, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, saves staff time.

Property owners have the ability to "opt out" of having their information on the O'Donnell website. Maxfield said that of about 1,500 taxpayers, 150 have opted out.

However, the information is still be available at the town office.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Aug. 27

At 6:50 p.m. a report was received of skateboarders on private property in Bethel. Sgt. Matt Noyes was assigned.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

At 6:15 a.m. a report was received of a gas driveoff on Railroad Street in Bethel. Deputy Mike Dailey was assigned.

At 4:33 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie conducted traffic control on the Walkers Mills Road while Bethel Fire removed a large tree that had fallen, blocking the roadway.

At 4:44 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a low power line across the roadway. All commercial traffic was stopped until CMP arrived to fix the line.

At 8:51 p.m. a report Cpl. George Cayer investigated the theft of jewelry from a residence on the East Bethel Road in Bethel.

Thursday, Aug. 29

At 9:30 a.m. a report was received that there had been a possible theft of items in Upton by a contractor.

At 2:10 p.m. Deputy Chris Davis investigated a complaint that a mailbox on the West Bethel Road had been struck by a vehicle overnight.

At 10:25 p.m. on Route 26 in Woodstock Deputy Dani Welch summonsed Tori Hicinbothem for operating after suspension.

At 10:51 p.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Nathan Bowie received a report of possible child abuse in Bethel. The deputies responded to the address and determined there was no immediate threat to anyone. The incident is still under investigation.

Friday, Aug. 30

From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch conducted an OUI detail in Bethel.

At 1:58 p.m. a harassment notice was requested in Bethel. Lt. Tom Harriman was assigned.

Saturday, Aug. 31

At 5:02 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey investigated a single-vehicle crash with a tree on Route 232 in Milton Plantation.

At 6:18 p.m. on the Intervale Road a non-force residential burglary was reported, with jewelry taken. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned.

A report was received of loud music coming from the Powder Ridge area of Newry. A deputy asked the subjects to turn it down.

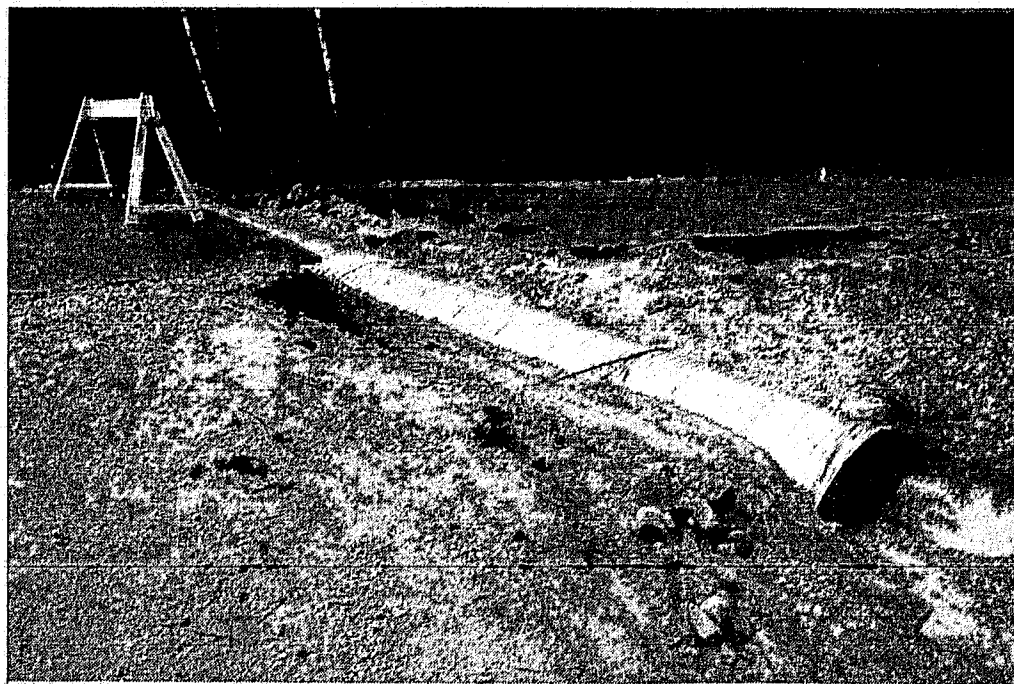
Sunday, Sept. 1

At 9:44 a.m. a report was received of a theft on Furlong Pond in Greenwood. Deputy Josh Wyman was investigating.

At 12:37 a.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Michael S. Noyes, 37, of Dixfield was charged with operating after suspension by Deputy Peter Casey. He was also charged with possession of marijuana.

At 1:11 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Picnic Hill Road/Hunts Corner Road in Albany for a personal-injury car accident. The driver was summonsed for OUI.

At 3:51 p.m. on Railroad Street in Bethel Deputy Peter Casey and Cpl. George Cayer arrested Angela Taylor, 33, on two warrants.



BEST LAID PLANS - This new culvert on the Meadowbrook Road in West Bethel was barely in the ground when Monday's rain came along and washed much of the gravel around it away.
(A. Aloisio)

Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT



Rodney "Bunny" Kimball's West Bethel Antiques Emporium
Antique stoves may be his chief eye-catcher for the hundreds of drivers going east and west by his West Bethel place, but there is much, much more. Mr. Kimball told Ashton and me during our visit last Friday that he has sold 343 stoves. When I asked him if he knew what his buyers were going to do with their stoves he said over 90 percent use them for heating.

For many years I have meant to stop and get a close-up look at what he had to offer. But I had no idea of the extent of his antiques and collectibles display in the house and stored in five old school buses behind the house and barn.

In a December 1980 Advertiser Democrat story about the original stoves, Mr. Kimball tells the reporter that his wife Jeanette using an "original stove" can cook a steak faster than using a microwave oven. Also the article summarizes the Kimball stove history: In the 1930s the Kimball aunts and uncles started collecting these "original" stoves when most people thought that they didn't need them

any more.

According to the Kimballs the secret in old stoves is the method used by the old stove makers - made of cast iron obtained directly from pig iron the stove distributes its heat extremely well - "wood heat is penetrating like the sun." Many of the old stoves were made with decorative moldings cast into the stoves sections - adding a lot to their present day appeal. The Kimballs claim that the old stoves attracted over 200,000 people the first five years they had stoves displayed in yard sale fashion - people from as far away as Florida, California and Canada were stopping. A couple from Ontario was browsing through a room of collectibles while we were there.

Since Route 2 was rebuilt a few years ago it is much more difficult for the casual traveler to stop as they cannot just pull over to the side of the road and park. We parked in the Kimball driveway but the number of cars able to just pull over is down to only one or two.

More there than just stoves too - one room had a sideboard like one my parents had; this one was loaded with glass ware and bottles. I saw some milk bottles but none from Riverside Farms. In one of the old buses, there is a sizable collection of old

telephone wire insulators. Another class of goodies that one sees is furniture - bookcases, sideboards, tables, and on - most of what I saw came from the era of my grandparents - the old time classics.

In sum, Kimball's Antiques is one of the most interesting places to browse in the town of Bethel - may be a best kept secret.

Maine makes it into The Economist

Maine gets a full page in the Aug. 31 issue of The Economist magazine. Headline reads "Front page LePage" - The reign in Maine of a man who speaks plain.

Overall the article is very objective. "Mr. LePage hopes his doggedness can entice more private investors into a state that does poorly in rankings of business climate."

"His forceful personality and peppery tongue have served him well."

Special visitors at the Bethel Historical Society Thursday two descendants of Joshua G. Rich (1820-1897),

Richard Wright and his daughter, Sharon Wright, both of Lisbon, visited at the Moses Mason House. J. G. Rich was Mr. Wright's great, grandfather. Mr. Rich was one of the truly memorable residents of the Bethel and Greenwood

area during the last two decades of the 19th Century. His Maine experiences are unique.

In one of his newspaper columns, he wrote, "Now I am more than seventy years old, it makes me tremble as I think of the narrow escapes and great perils I have been through - I never heard of a family in this state so isolated as we were. All the food and necessities of life, excepting fish and wild meat, had to be carried on my back twenty miles in winter on snow shoes, over mountains, and only by blazed trees."

He was born in New Sharon in April 1820 and was educated in common schools and Farmington high school. Dissatisfied with country life he went to sea for five years and "roamed half the world over." When he was 22 he married Mary N. Day while living in Roxbury, Mass. After their first son was born in Roxbury, "they left their home and traveled far into the wilderness of the Maine woods, and made a little home by the lakeside twenty miles from any human habitation where they lived for many years, Mr. Rich hunted, trapped and guided." They had fourteen children. They built and kept the first public house in the lake region, "Angler's Retreat" at Middle Dam.

In the later years Mr. Rich lived on a farm in Greenwood, and then came to Bethel, where he lived for a number of years. He served as Trial Justice and ran the Bethel Pension Agency. Mrs. Rich died in 1884 and two years later Mr. Rich married Mrs. H.N. Gore who survived him. He was correspondent for several newspapers and wrote quite largely for publication of his adventures and of the Maine woods. In the 1890s he raised rabbits and reported his sale of rabbits in his weekly columns.

In May 1893, Rich wrote in his column, "Something much needed in Bethel is a sidewalk from the Hill to the station. We trust our village fathers will not

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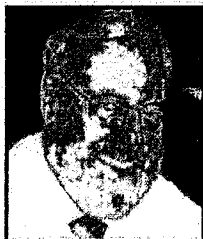
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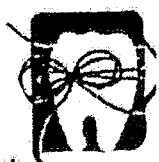
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think it beneath them to undertake the job. We are sure the present generations will bless the man that starts it." His house was on Spring Street then where he also officiated at marriages.

Sharon Wright is a fly tyer and designer and names her work Moon-dancer Designs. She lives at 1 Farnsworth Street in Lisbon. I asked her which flies would be best for fishing our part of the Androscoggin. She showed me one of her original designs called the State of Maine Streamer.

More airport news

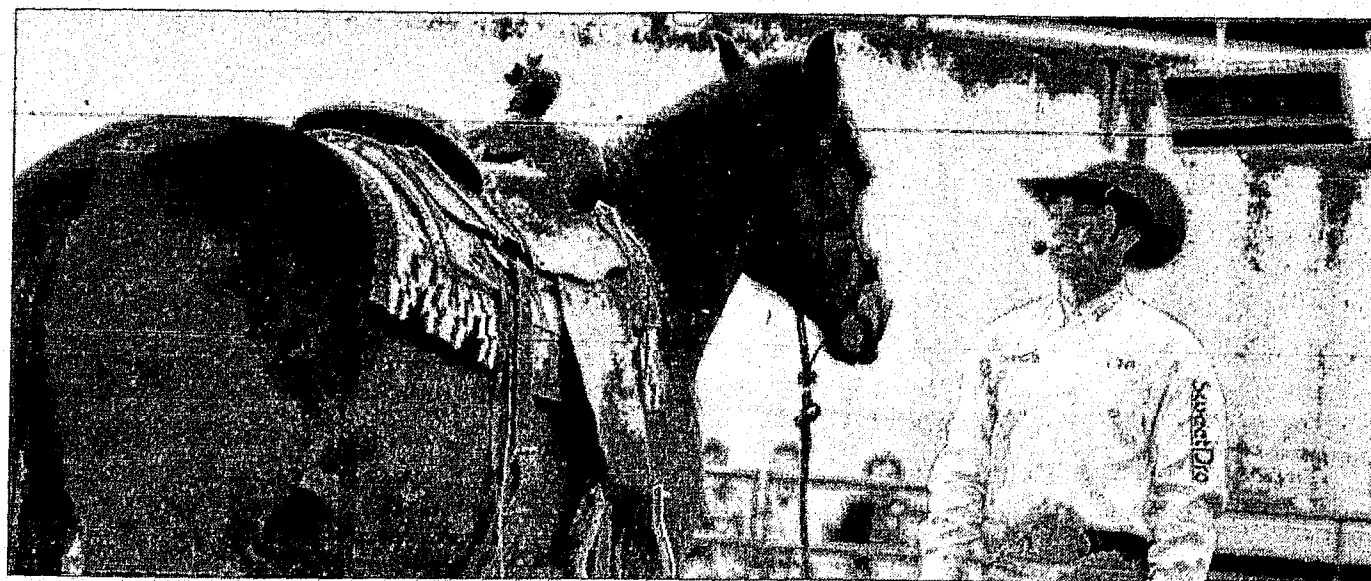
Last Thursday the small hangar at the east end of Bethel Airport's hangar row, known to some as the "Clukey" hangar, was taken down. This raised the question as to will that site be the location of the soon to be built new terminal building. Answer is No.

Checking with the Airport Authority, Mr. Jordrey described the new site as just west of the cemetery's lot line which is easily identified by the boundary where trees end and the cleared field begins under the power line serving airport. A complete new road will be laid into a new parking lot for the public. The building will be set in the present fence line.

As noted in last week's news, Harold Clukey who passed away Dec. 14, 2010 had a very long association with airport operations and flying. In 1975 he took over supply and selling of aviation fuel. For photos of the project area and Mr. Clukey see this week's Bethel Journals news.

Other news this week

At Gould Academy: Rain drove the Head of School's reception into Ordway Hall. All the usual suspects attended. The crowd is always pleased to see



NATIONALLY KNOWN EQUESTRIAN COMING TO ANDOVER - On Sept. 7, 8, and 9 the Ellis River Riders horse club of Andover will host a horsemanship clinic with Aaron Ralston. The clinic will be held at the newly constructed Lone Brook Farm, located on Fire Lane 810. The facility belongs to Dwight and Gloria Davis, club members, who donated the use of their indoor arena and lovely setting for the three-day clinic. The clinic will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. It will be open to spectators with a full day fee, half day fee, discounts for Andover residents and three-day discounts. Children under 12 will be free with any paid adult. Lunch will be available Saturday and Sunday along with beverages. It's advisable to bring along a chair. Aaron was born and raised on his family's ranch in Western Colorado. Horses have influenced his life from his early rodeo career to his accomplishments in reining and working cow horse competitions all over the world. Aaron was the 2004 AQHA Sr. Reining Reserve World Champion and in 2006, he was part of TEAM USA at the World Equestrian Games, held in Aachen, Germany. Riding Smart Paul Olena, Aaron led the Team to a Team Gold Medal and took the Bronze medal in the Individual reining Competition. Aaron, his wife Meg and their two sons Parker and Colter now live in the heart of the Roaring Fork Valley in Silt, Colo., where he runs a successful performance horse operation. For more information on the clinic visit the club website www.ellisriverriders.com or e-mail vicepresident@ellisriverriders.com

(Submitted photo)

the wonderful spreads of food and drink laid out for these receptions - dinner for two on Gould. Thanks for inviting us.

Hammers and nails: Out our way the new Kailey Sport Thoma building is rapidly taking shape; it is currently getting sided and roofed. What passersby do not see are the two new house projects going up in Birch Wood - one has a new foundation ready for the carpenters to take over. Three Savage Contracting and Excavation jobs are going on at full speed.

And on High Street, Schiavi Homes landed a new house on the foundation poured only a week before. Also if you have not been up Paradise Road recently there is a new house standing on the corner of Eden Lane and Paradise.

So Bethel is keeping some builders busy.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Bethel's Harvest Fest and "Chowdah" cook-off is coming up on Sept. 21. If you have never been, you need to make plans to go this year. The festival isn't just about the "chowdah" and apple pie contest. There are all kinds of fresh produce, cooked and baked goods, and arts and crafts. Other activities include chainsaw wood carving, book signings, and free horse-drawn carriage rides. Most of the activities take place on the Bethel Common on Sept. 21, but there will be other activities throughout the area that weekend. Check the website at www.bethel-harvestfest.com.

Don't wait for Harvest

Fest to find fresh produce. Farm production is at its peak right now and there are farm stands everywhere in the local area (Route 2, Route 26, Intervale Road, and Route 232). I stopped at Swain's farm stand on Sunday, lured in by the wagon loads of pumpkins. Most people think of Halloween or pie when they see piles of fresh pumpkins, but I think pumpkins are best when they are roasted, mashed, or made into spicy soup. Swain's also has corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, and apples from Lyon's Orchard.

Apples are available at roadside stands. I picked apples at Gibson Orchards on the North Road on Sunday. They have over forty kinds of apples. The orchard is beautiful; the grass beautifully manicured and the trees loaded with fruit. I love early-season apple picking when

even I (a short person) can pick the fruit off the lowest branches. Gibson's also has cider and honey made on the premises.

On Sunday I also picked high-bush blueberries at Blueberry Heaven in Milan, NH. I've mentioned the farm here before. The berries are herbicide and pesticide free. Since it's September, I expected the berries to be smaller and less abundant, but the bushes were covered with large, ripe berries that seemed to just drop off the stems into our buckets. The owners say it's not unusual to pick berries through September.

The Bethel Library is raffling off gift certificates to local restaurants. Fifteen restaurants generously donated gift certificates to help the library raise money. There will be three drawings for packages of five gift certificates. The drawing will take place at the Harvest Fest on Sept.

21. Tickets are available from library trustees or at the Bethel Library, 6 Broad Street. Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



A belated Happy Labor Day to all and hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. Myself, like many others, had to work all weekend long and am grateful for that.

I did talk to Neil, and he told me that this year was the best Trappers Weekend ever. It was well attended with no problems of any kind. Even Ann LePage attended and had a great time. Charlie Tucker, the star known from the TV Show "Mountain Men" on the History Channel, was there also. It sure was a great weekend and thank you Neil, for making East Bethel such a well-known, special area. Have just one regret... somehow I missed Neil's singing this year!

Please, don't forget to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with the information about the brick making in East Bethel.

Here is another Trivia question: Who was one of the first women in this area to establish a nursing home?

I hope to hear from many of you with news or information or stop in and see me at the InnSide Shop.

Have a great week everyone.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood Town Hall Committee met recently and decided to invite a grant



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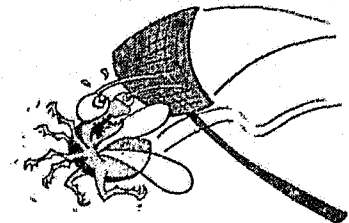


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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. The shelter has moved to a new location at 9 Swallow Road in Paris.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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TELSTAR GOT FARMS ADDS TO COMMUNITY SUPPER FARE - On the first day of school, Telstar Middle School GOT Farms students worked together to harvest produce from the school garden to donate to the Bethel Alliance Church public supper. Pictured are, from left: Kaitlyn Colby, Meagan Jewell and Kaitlyn Bragdon. The students then went across the street to the church and prepared their harvest to be included in the salad, featuring lettuce, kale, sweet peppers, tomatoes, and carrots. Jewell and Colby were joined by Ainsley Brown in the preparation.

writer to talk with them. They would like to explore what sort of grants might be available for repairing historic buildings. The Town Hall, the big white building beside the Post Office on Main Street, has water issues, needs a new roof, a new heating system, insulation and more.

The new town office, on the other hand, has changed from a half-basement to no basement. This is per the Maine Fire Marshall. It will be built on a slab at the leased site beside the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. The Greenwood Highway Department will be doing the work on the slab foundation. A small attached structure will be built to house the boiler. Both the boiler and oil tank from our current town office will be moved to the new structure.

Sympathy to the family of Joe Perham who died last week. Many of us knew and loved him for his wonderful humor and own one, if not many, of his recordings. Besides being a well-known humorist, Joe was also a teacher and a lay minister. His memorial service will be held Sept. 8, 3 p.m., at the First Universalist Church of West Paris.

The Senior College Players will have a new director this fall. Ross Timberlake, director, and Lorrie Hoeh, assistant director, have been members of the Players since the group started six years ago. Locke's Mills neighbor Norman Millard will again be part of the troupe. He said Ross and Lorrie have been meeting with some veteran Players this summer and many new plans are in the works. Norman said the group is seeking new members, and he knows there's a lot of artistic talent in the area. Rehearsals start on Sept. 16. If you are interested in joining the Play-

ers, call Norman at 875-2121 before that date.

On another Norman note, his art gallery, Artistic Endeavors on lower Main Street, Bethel, is hosting an exhibit of Marvin Ouwinga's paintings. Opening reception is this Friday, Sept. 6, 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

It appears the ruby-throated hummingbirds have left for the winter. None have been to the feeders for over a week. They migrate to Mexico, Central America, and South America. We may have thoughts about joining them come January.

Along a similar line of thought, last week I mentioned the sandhill cranes in Oxford and speculated that they might have been blown off-course. Well, I was wrong again. After talking with Maine Audubon, I learned that this pair has been in the New Gloucester area since 2006. They stay until late fall and then head farther south, maybe to the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia, for the winter.

More research told me that these two sandhills are part of what appears to a small population that is re-establishing itself in Maine. Sandhills have been seen in Smithfield for close to 20 years. A wildlife biologist recorded a breeding pair there in 2000-2001. Other sandhills have been reported as far north as Ashland in Aroostook County, and as far south as Kittery in York County. The same biologist who recorded the breeding pair also found that historical documents in Kennebec County suggest that sandhill cranes were a regular species in New England in the 1600s. While we hear all too often about species vanishing, it is good to hear about a species that is re-establishing itself.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today (Sept. 5) at the Masonic Hall. Lunch will be served after the meeting by the Star Birthday Club, followed by a program by Hugh "Cubby" Swan. Meeting starts at 11:30.

The Whitman Memorial Library program will be Thursday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. Guest speaker is Lissa Merrill, the director of physical therapy at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Lissa will be presenting information on how to keep your balance and what the local community offers for programs. She will talk about a program well-known nationally, "Matter of Balance," as well as a program offered at no charge called "Staying on Your Feet."

The local hospital offers a variety of programs for the public and one is for exercising called "Staying Fit." Lissa's program is aimed at those 60 and over, but all are welcome. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will be meeting on Monday, Sept. 9 at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting and to make final plans for Dept. President Elsie Bonney's reception on Sept. 21.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at the museum. Program is a scavenger hunt at the museum. Light refreshments following the program.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday eve-

ning at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



If you have been trying to contact me via the internet, I am sorry to report that my computer has crashed and so I'm enjoying the facilities of the Andover Public Library in order to bring you the news this week. I expect to be up and running within a few days, but telephone is best 392-3761.

On Thursday I had the honor and privilege of conducting the opening prayer at the Special Session of the Maine State House of Representatives. While there I had the pleasure of having conversations with Representatives Jarrod Crockett, Matthew Peterson and Sheryl Briggs.

Don't forget the FREE LUNCH on Tuesday, Sept. 10 sponsored by the People in Action Committee. Bud Perry will be serving up scalloped potatoes with ham, coleslaw, rolls and assorted desserts.

The Andover Historical Society in planning an open house for the third week in September. I do not have the exact date at this moment but will give you full details next week. The theme is farm-

ing and farm implements and memorabilia. If you have items to share, please bring them. For further information call Trudy Akers at 392-3157.

The Andover Public Library is sponsoring a presentation by Sarah Wright about our neighbors in the woods, Black bears, on Sept. 21 at 5 p.m.

Congratulations to Sarah Thomas and Cody Woodbury who were united in marriage on Aug. 31 at the family property on the East Andover Road.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



September is here, the children are back to school and Labor Day is behind us!

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived Saturday morning to help set up the town hall for the Gilead Historical Society's yard sale.

Gilead Fire Dept. was called out about 12:30 a.m. Monday morning to a structure fire at a vacant building at the corner of Route 113 and Route 2. The fire dept. responded to this same building last fall.

Bethel Fire Dept. also responded to assist.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS was going to set

up outside for the Labor Day weekend yard sale, but after listening to the weather reports, we decided that maybe the Town Hall was the best place to be. We were fairly busy on Saturday and Sunday, but Monday brought heavy rain and lighter customers. Business picked up by mid afternoon when the rain let up. Most of the people who stopped were happy to see the inside yard sale sign.

Besides Steve, Mary Tyler was there bright and early to help out. Linda Taylor and Morgan McLean set up their table and joined us for the day. Michele Croteau and daughter, Sidney Chapman appeared later and set up for the sale, too.

Bob and Judy Bishop traveled from Yarmouth (with delicious cookies) to give us a hand with the sale both Saturday and Sunday.

Hugh was busy throughout the weekend giving tours of the 1851 railroad station and the village schoolhouse. One of the reasons for the sale was to have people stop and show them what has been done and what still needs to be done.

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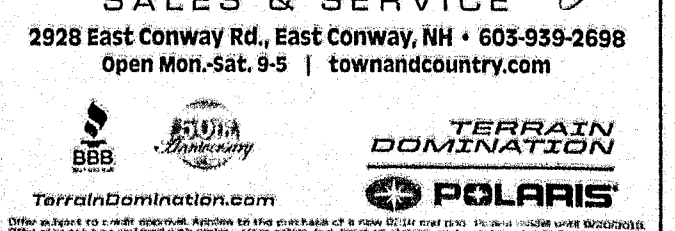
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she lived in Gilead as a little girl. She took our contact information and said she had some pictures and stories to share. The GHS is always looking for any historical information material relating to Gilead.

Cathy Newell stopped by on Saturday. She was making the rounds of sales and events between Bethel and Gilead. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown from Route 113 stopped by to check things out and support the society.

Thanks to the members who donated items and food for the sale, those who helped and those who stopped by and made a purchase.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Forest Lodge tour, offered by the Upton Historical Society, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7. This is a great opportunity to visit the historic homes of author Louise Dickinson Rich. The tour includes a ride to the site, a brief tour of Middle Dam, guided tours of the "Winter House" and the "Summer House," a wonderful lunch prepared by the Upton Ladies Aid Association and a ride back to the Upton School. The vans leave Upton at 8 a.m. and return sometime after 4 p.m. To purchase tickets, or for more information please call Charlotte 207-533-2061.

Nine members of the Letter B Notch Riders worked on ATV trails Sunday. They cut brush, smoothed trails and put up signs on the Silver Stream trail. They will hold their September meeting Sunday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. One of the items on the agenda is to discuss if, where and when they will have a fall club ride and cookout.

The Upton Selectmen are scheduled to meet Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the town office.

There is a camp in Upton with a sign "WHUNSON" attached to it. The sign has



OFF TO A FLYING START - Telstar high and middle school sports seasons are underway, with most teams starting regular competition this week. Last week they were practicing - and getting in shape. Here, Telstar Middle School girls' soccer players do an exercise preparing them to "head" the ball. In the foreground are, from left: Georgia Plawlock, Aliah Connolly, Nicole Berry and Kaite Turnick. (A. Aloisio)

been there for several years. I thought that the sign was an intentional misspelling of "one son," assuming the owners had one son. However, when I met the owner during Upton Fun Day, he told me that it is an acronym for, "what happens up north, stays up north." I had a good laugh about that and a nice conversation with him.

Please call 533-2010 or email backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Well we made it. Ten years and counting. Saturday a friend took us to a lobster feed and Sunday we worked together as we have for the last 12 years. Then we had Chinese food and went home and relaxed. We later found out that we were supposed to be at French Road with friends, oh well. Thanks to all who wished us a Happy Anniversary, especially Jewell who sang to us.

Thursday Sept. 5, is the beginning of Rosh Hashanah. Happy New Year to all.

Thursday, Sept. 5, Albany

Church will hold a supper. Doors open at 5 p.m. and supper starting at 5:30 p.m.

A heads up to all who travel Hunt's Corner Road from Waterford to Albany - you may have noticed that the road is finally repaved, but culverts still have to be put in. Starting Sept. 9 and lasting to Sept. 30, the road will be closed to through traffic. That means we will have to travel a different way from Waterford, through Albany to Bethel. The new culverts should be worth the inconvenience.

Monday, Sept. 9, Socrates Café will meet at Waterford Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It was changed because the first Monday was Labor Day.

All my best goes out to the Gabrielsens who lost their house to fire on Wednesday, Aug. 29. They lived in the historic Jonathan Swift House.

That will be all for this week. Hope all had a great Labor Day. To put in information, please call 739-9115.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

As I write this article on Monday evening, the raging waters of Pleasant River in Mason

are gradually receding. We received about 4.2" of rain in about 12 hours, beginning sometime after midnight last night. Consequently, Pleasant River boiled over with raging muddy water and washed out the new culvert installed on Meadowbrook Bridge road by Bethel road crewmen only two or three weeks ago. Actually, the culvert is still there, but all the approximately 2 foot deep fill installed atop the culvert is gone, leaving a gaping 2' deep by 10' or so wide washout across the road.

Contributing to the problem of Pleasant River washing out the road here is a series of pine trees that have been undercut by the current and have fallen across the stream, leaving nice log jams for improved trout fishing, but not so good for keeping the river within its banks. I have pointed out this problem to the Oxford County Commissioners, but for some reason they have been reluctant to contact the land owner about removing some of the logs from the streambed. This is a recurring problem, and the river over flows the road in this same spot several times yearly, on average.

Another factor compli-

cating matters is that the overflowing usually begins in Mason just upstream of the Mason-Bethel town line and washes out the road just on the Bethel side of the line. Hence, both the Town of Bethel and the Oxford County Commissioners sometimes are involved. And—neither agency wants to listen to my suggestions!

Meanwhile, the old swimming hole at "the falls" was a raging cataract this morning. The raging torrent went over the tops of the highest ledges at the top of the falls and receded only enough to leave a small area of stone and trees exposed downstream about opposite the small green-roofed camp on the ledges adjacent to the Kings Highway road. This unusually high level of water here is normally seen only in the spring of the year when heavy rain produces rapid snowmelt and brings great ice jams down the river.

Two days ago Hutchinson Brook was little more than a trickle that you could cross in low quarter shoes without getting your feet wet. This morning the water was raging over my logging bridge which is normally a good

two to three feet above the water level! I think the fire danger is down to the "impossible to start" range around here.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

A beautiful sunny morning here, with temperature of 64.7 degrees, blue skies and a light breeze, but a lot of humidity in the air.

Condolences to the families of Joe Perham and Joyce Lamb. Love and prayers to each family member.

L & L Country will be moving their Thursday night concerts over to the Mexico School as soon as we get the OK from the Park committee. This way we can continue throughout the season regardless of the weather. But for now we will be at the park from 6 to 8 weather permitting.

Celebrating September birthdays are, Doris Mills, James Guilmette, Frances Martin, Becca McCaul, Haileigh Oakes, Linnie Roberts, Robert Hurd, Lloyd Poland, Darlene Cossar, Kenny Wilson, Cathy Mason, Becky Mason, Walter Appleby III, Ruth Anne Dragon and Edith Garey. Birthday wishes to each of you.

School Lunch

Week of Sept. 9, 2013

Telstar Middle/High School Lunches

Monday: Maxx cheese sticks w/dipping sauce, green salad, banana, fruit choices.

Tuesday: School-made macaroni and cheese with ham slice, dinner roll, carrot and cabbage slaw, chilled pears.

Wednesday: Bacon cheeseburger on a bun, four bean salad, veggie and fruit choices.

Thursday: Italian dunkers, Caesar salad, fresh melon, chilled pears.

Friday: Chicken or beef and cheese burrito, mandarin oranges, potato puffs, fruit and veggie choices.

SAD 44 Elementary School Lunches

Monday: Maxx cheese sticks w/dipping sauce, banana or P.B. & J Uncrustable.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, ham slice, roll, coleslaw, pears or P.B. & J Uncrustable.

Wednesday: Chef salad, breadstick, four bean salad or P.B. & J Uncrustable.

Thursday: Italian dunkers w/sauce, Caesar salad, melon, pears or P.B. & J Uncrustable.

Friday: Turkey and cheese grinder, potato puffs, mandarin oranges or Sun Butter and Fluff.

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A long weekend for hubby so we are going to get a few things done, including sealing around the windows and placing felt stripping around the doors. Yogi also wants to finish mowing the back field and mowing the front lawn.

I am off to practice with the Lost and Found Band to night in Auburn. Connie is planning an ALL Girl country show in September at the Litchfield Sportsman club.

Thinking of my Mom and Dad (Leo and Louise Hemingway, Jr.). It would have been their 73rd wedding anniversary this month. I miss them both very much.

If my phone doesn't stop ringing off the wall I'll never get my column written and on time.

Get well wishes to those of you who may not be feeling quite up to par these days. We hold each of you in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to ALL those who were presented with awards at the 2013 Down East Country Music Association last Sunday.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well. Enjoy each fall day that's soon to be upon us.

Open Air

By TOM REMINGTON

Human

Hydatid Disease

Note: The following article was reviewed for accuracy and approved by Dr. Delane Kritsky, professor emeritus, Idaho State University and well respected parasitologist.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) had issued a warning to Maine residents on their website about moose lungworm, as they called it. Unfortunately the information was incomplete and misleading. I have urged the department to do further research in or-

der that better information is made available to educate the public. As of this writing, it appears that information has been removed from the website. The reason is unknown to me.

The result of a three-year study by MDIFW, in conjunction with the University of Maine, has revealed the presence of hydatid cysts in moose at locations in Aroostook County. It is not irresponsible to conclude that if cysts were found there, if not present in deer and moose throughout the entire state now, they soon will be.

The issue of human hydatid disease is complex; however I would like to talk only of the greatest threat to humans in contracting this disease.

Incorrectly, MDIFW stated that hunters and trappers should wear rubber gloves and be cautious when handling game. While perhaps good advice for any hunter or trapper, this is not where

the real threat comes from. It comes from people's free-roaming dogs and outdoor people who come in contact with worm infested feces of wild canines, i.e. wolves, coyotes, foxes, etc.

Wild canines are the primary host of the tiny worm called Echinococcus granulosus. Tiny spores from infected canines can be found in their feces. Should any of these eggs be ingested by humans, the persons run the risk of contracting a disease that is very difficult to diagnose, presents few symptoms and may not show up for several years.

Wild canines leave their "calling card" in very conspicuous places, including often in your front yard. If your dog is allowed to be outside unattended, as dogs naturally tend to do, they eat and/or roll in such feces. If they do this, those tiny spores are now on and around the dog's mouth and/or embedded into the

fur, if they have chosen to roll in it.

Use your imagination now as to what can and does happen when your pet reenters the house, especially with children around - licking faces, rolling on floors, sleeping on furniture and beds, depositing tiny eggs where they go waiting for a human to unintentionally ingest them (swallow or inhale into lungs).

In the outdoors, humans stepping in and/or choosing to "examine" the content of canine feces are running the risk of making airborne the tiny spores and ingesting them. These eggs are viable in water and tremendous temperature ranges.

Hydatid cysts in humans can form in lungs, liver and brain. A rupture of a cyst inside a human body can be fatal.

The most important thing is to learn the truth about this disease in order that we all can do as much as we can

to reduce the chances of contracting the disease. If you live in places known to have infected wild canines, do not allow your dogs to run free and then come into the house. If you insist that they run free, for your own protection provide accommodations for your dog to remain outside. Make sure your dog is properly vaccinated. Remember, a vaccination for your pet will help prevent them from becoming sick from the worms but as I described above, them eating and rolling and bringing the eggs inside with them is not affected by their vaccine.

In the wild, do not tamper with wild feces and refrain from drinking from unknown water sources.

Always thoroughly wash hands.

For more information about this disease, please visit my website www.tomremington.com and click on the "wildlife diseases" link near the top of the page.

International Celtic Fest

The Crossroads International Celtic Festival will present four very diverse concerts in the Greater Oxford Hills Region:

Wednesday Sept. 11 Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School So. Paris- 7 p.m.- "Coming Full Circle" "The opening night of Crossroads we visit the music of our heritage by joining the past with the future." Said Phill McIntyre, artistic director. The host for the evening Frank Ferrel, well-known former MPBN personality and master fiddler in his own right, will welcome Fiddle-ious; The Don Roy Ensemble; & Cape Breton's hot young trad group COIG (Ko-Wick) We are looking forward to an evening filled with music, song, dance and some special guests to fill out the show. Special tribute will be paid to the Dean of Francophone music in Maine, Don Roy. Don as mentor to countless numbers of fiddlers and has become the keeper of the flame and a prolific composer. Don is a champion fiddler with depth in many styles of fiddling. Hailing from roots deep in the Maritimes and Quebec, the Roy's musical passion lies with the French Canadian tradition followed closely by Celtic music. Don's performances include; The Library of Congress, The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Barns at Wolf Trap, and 2 appearances with Garrison Keillor to name a few.

Thursday Sept. 12 Oxford County Fair Oxford, Me - 6 and 8 p.m. - "Working Together" County Fairs have always revolved around the agricultural successes of a region. They involve both work and relaxation. For decades Mainers have come together in the fall to sample the fruits of our labors. Crossroads is committed to working and collaborating with existing celebrations within Franklin and Oxford Counties. We are also all about sharing the joy of music. Cassie & Maggie MacDonald bring lively music, song, and dance to festival stages all across North America. Sprag Session is Nova Scotia's hottest Celtic Rock Band- lingering somewhere amidst the rich, soulful roots of traditional Cape Breton music and the grooves of a thousand branches of rock and funk.

Friday Sept. 13 The Celebration Barn So. Paris, Me - 7 p.m. - "Tradition Bearers" It is amazing how some young performers are called to traditional music. With all the rock, grunge, punk, and other forms of expression out there, every now and then a star rises out of the melee with an innate sense of the purpose of their existence. Crossroads presents in this show many such rising young stars. Cassie and Maggie MacDonald are the sister team to beat at any competition they enter. Touring throughout North America and beyond and receiving rave reviews at every turn. The Press Gang are Maine's standard bearers of Irish music in the Portland area. They are making their mark throughout New England and beyond. The Gawler Sisters grew up with fiddles in their hands and with the rich harmonies of parents John & Ellen Gawler, they can't help but create the most mesmerizing music imaginable.

Sunday Sept. 15 Bingham Hall Bethel, 2 p.m. - "Bringing it all Together," the finale of the festival hosted by the Mahoosuc Arts Council at Gould Academy. Throughout the five Crossroads has sought to blend the cultural heritage that is indigenous to Maine and to highlight the natural beauty of our Western Maine lakes and mountains. The final show ends with a bang. PEI super group, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin epitomize the energy of youth. Maine artists Neil Pearlman and Alba's Edge will appear with special guests Ed Pearlman and The Laura Scott Dancers. To end the festival New Brunswick's seven member family band Arseneault add the verve and drive only Acadians can replicate. "Throughout the Festival the mixes of cultures have been celebrated and compared. The Celtic phrasing and rhythms of the music all interchange. The sense of family and clan overlap and as we bid farewell at this show we see the circle is closed and intertwined as a gigantic Celtic knot. Maine is the point between the Maritimes, Quebec, and the rest of the US; all points either North or South, East or West...We in Western Maine are at the Crossroads." Phill McIntyre

Tickets for all events and start times at <http://www.crossroadscelticfestival.com> The festival offers a total of 18 live shows and more than 100 artists from across Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Scotland, and Ireland, as well as from across the USA. complete list of artists can be found at <http://crossroadscelticfestival.com/artists>

Emerson Clough's WWII experience

(Note: Emerson Clough of Bethel passed away recently. The below account of his experience in World War II was read by his son at his memorial service.)

Dad was born Dec. 17, 1917 in Bethel. He quit school in the seventh grade to help support his family. While in his early 20s, he was working on a farm in Vermont when the war in Europe started to heat up. He decided to sign up for the draft in February of 1941 and went to Rumford to enlist in the Army.

He traveled by train to Fort Devons, Mass. to be outfitted with uniforms and received his shots and physical. From there, he went to Fort Bragg, N.C. for his military training. He was at Fort Bragg for almost two years and was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division, 84th Field Artillery, Service Battery.

His job was as a truck driver that hauled the ammunitions for the artillery. He also became the motor sergeant in charge of a squad of trucks that hauled ammo from the rear supply point to the front. In 1942, the 9th Division was ordered to war.

Dad's unit was transported to the port of New York and boarded a troop ship in late November, 1942. About three days out to sea, their ship had a problem and returned to New York. The FBI came on board and escorted six men in handcuffs off the ship. It was learned later that they were German spies. All of the troops on board were then taken off and sent to Fort Dix, N.J. for four to six weeks before they were boarded onto another ship that took them to North Africa. They landed in Casablanca on Jan. 28, 1943. The next couple of weeks, they spent getting supplies and ammo ready for the move forward to engage the Germans.

On Feb. 21, they were introduced to the war, battling for the town of Thaler, then to a place called the Kasserine Pass, staying there for two weeks and then onto the town of Gafsa on March 23, 1943, in an attempt to link up with the British 8th Army. For the next 7 months, the 9th Division battled its way across North Africa, going through places such as El Alamein, Tebessa, Tunisia and Tunis, then onto the city of Bizerte. Here they boarded an LST and shipped to Sicily. After Sicily, Dad's unit boarded a troop ship and was sent to England. He arrived there in late November, 1943 and remained there until June, 1944.

June 12, 1944, six days after D-Day, Dad landed on Omaha Beach in France. From there he went onto Cherbourg and then began the long march across France. Dad said, "I missed Paris by 50 miles."

When they arrived in Belgium, they camped for a week in the city of Liege. It was there they became engaged in the Battle of the Bulge. After that, they moved forward to a place called Remagen. The Remagen Bridge was one of the last remaining bridges across the Rhine River into Germany that the Germans had not destroyed. The Americans captured it and a massive push was on to get as many men and equipment across as possible before it was destroyed. Dad's comments about that were that there was a lot of confusion and a lot of men and equipment headed for that area.

He said he stood on the hill overlooking the town of Remagen and watched as his artillery unit went by. He said his trucks fell into the column behind the artillery and crossed the bridge. The story goes that the bridge was destroyed the next morning by the Germans, but according to Dad, an American engineer cut the wrong beam in an attempt to repair the bridge and it collapsed into the river.

From the time Dad left the city of Liege, Belgium, he passed through the German cities of Verviers, Aachen, Cologne and Remagen. After crossing the Rhine, they marched to the Elbe River, where they met the Russians. At this point, the war was over and Dad came home by boat. He was discharged Aug. 6, 1945 at Fort Devons, Mass.

All my life I heard him say, "I will never board another boat to cross an ocean!" Dad was proud of his military service, and that was made evident in the latter years of his life. He never went anywhere without his baseball cap with the 9th Division patch on it.

Dad, thank you for your service. You will be missed.

SWOAM to meet

Managing a new forest will be the topic of a 9 a.m. Sept. 21 gathering of the Western Maine chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine at the registered Tree Farm of Laurie Huntress and Josh Hounsell on the Collins Farm Road.

While many previous SWOAM meetings have covered managing mature or semi-mature forests, this one will focus on how to begin managing a forest that is just starting from abandoned fields or a recent heavy harvest.

The Huntress/Hounsell Tree Farm has a variety of young forests under management from pole-sized oak and pine to a hard-cut stand of mixed hardwood and softwoods. There are also nearly 400 balsam fir Christmas trees planted on the property.

Josh Hounsell, Laurie Huntress and Laurie's dad, Fred, have been actively managing the 50 acres of forestland here for several years.

The farm is located about two miles from Hebron village north on Station Road, a right on the Hebron Center Road and a mile to the Collins Farm road on the left. Signs will be posted.

The gathering is free and open to the public. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.



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Telstar Regional High School FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Telstar High School BOYS SOCCER

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
September			
7	Oak Hill (Varsity only)	Away	11:00
10	Winthrop	Home	4:00
13	Mt. Abram	Away	JV 5:00/V 7:00
18	Spruce Mtn.	Away	4:00
20	Mtn. Valley	Home	4:00
24	Wiscasset	Home	4:00
27	Carrabec	Away	7:00
30	Lisbon	Home	3:30
October			
2	St. Dom's	Home	3:30
4	Dirigo	Away	3:30
8	Monmouth	Away	3:30
14	Mtn. Valley	Away	JV 2:00/V 3:30
15	Hall-Dale	Home	3:30
22	Spruce Mtn.	Home	3:30

All dates/times/locations subject to change.
Gould Game Dates: September 23 V & JV, October 5 V only

Telstar High School GIRLS SOCCER

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
September			
6	Hall-Dale	Away	4:00
11	Madison	Home	4:00
14	Mt. Valley (Hosmer Fld)	Away	JV 11:00/V 12:30
17	Oak Hill	Home	4:00
19	St. Dom's	Away	4:00
23	Winthrop	Home	4:00
25	Boothbay	Away	4:00
27	Dirigo	Away	3:30
October			
1	Lisbon	Away	3:30
3	Monmouth	Home	3:30
7	Mt. Abram	Away	6:30
10	Spruce Mtn.	Home	3:30
17	Wiscasset	Away	4:00
21	Carrabec	Home	3:30

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School CROSS-COUNTRY

DATE	TEAM(S)	PLACE	TIME
September			
6	Madison, Winthrop, Wiscasset, Monmouth, Lisbon, Hall-Dale, Dirigo, Carrabec, St. Dom's, Boothbay	Madison	4:15
11	Dirigo, Carrabec, Madison, St. Dom's	Telstar	4:15
18	Lisbon, Mtn. Valley, Carrabec, Madison, Winthrop, Dirigo, Mt. Abram	Carrabec	4:15
25	Conference Meet	U Maine Augusta	4:15
October			
5	Festival of Champions	Belfast	4:15
9	Winthrop, Monmouth	Monmouth	4:15
19	MVC Championship	U Maine Augusta	10:00

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School FIELD HOCKEY

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
September			
6	Dirigo	Away	4:00
9	Lisbon	Away	4:00
11	Oak Hill	Away	4:00
14	St. Dom's	Away	10:00
16	Boothbay (Varsity Only)	Away	4:00
18	Hall-Dale	Home	4:00
20	Mtn. Valley (Hosmer Field)	Away	4:00
21	Gould (JV Only)	Home	3:30
25	Spruce Mtn.	Home	3:30
27	Winthrop	Away	3:30
30	Dirigo	Home	3:30
October			
4	Lisbon	Home	3:30
7	Oak Hill	Home	3:30
11	St. Dom's	Home	3:30
12	Gould (JV Only)	Away	2:00
14	Boothbay (Varsity Only)	Home	1:00

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School FOOTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
September			
7	Oak Hill	Home	1:30
13	Boothbay	Away	7:00
21	Old Orchard Beach	Home	1:30
27	Dirigo	Away	7:00
October			
5	Winthrop	Home	1:30
12	Traip	Home	1:30
18	Maranacook	Away	7:00
25	Sacopee	Away	7:00

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School GOLF

DATE	TEAM(S)	PLACE	TIME
September			
6	Wiscasset	The Bethel Inn	3:30
9	Spruce Mtn.	The Bethel Inn	3:30
10	Mtn. Valley	Oakdale CC	3:30
16	Oak Hill	The Meadows	3:30
19	Madison	Lakewood	3:30
23	Carrabec	The Bethel Inn	3:30
26	Winthrop	Springbrook	3:30
30	St. Dom's	The Bethel Inn	3:30

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Alzheimer's Support Group; Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. Meetings held the third Wednesday of every month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: Sue Ellen Richardson or Terry Drury (364-7863).

Thursday, Sept. 5

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.

Friday, Sept. 6

Harvest Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., UCC Church, Lovell. Corned beef, cabbage, beets, carrots, potatoes, turnips, bread, pie, coffee and lemonade. Adults \$9, children under 12/\$4.

Sept. 7 and 8

Ecological Forestry/Woodlot Management Workshop; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Participants will learn how to sustainably and ecologically manage forest resources while achieving desired yields of timber and firewood. \$195 per person. FMI/registration: adult-ed@sad17.k12.me.us or 743-8842.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Forest Lodge/Winter House Tour; Departing from the Upton School at 8 a.m., returning at approximately 4 p.m. The visit includes roundtrip transportation, tour of the former property of Louise Dickinson Rich, a special tour of Middle Dam, and a boxed lunch prepared by the Upton Ladies Aid. Tickets: \$65/person. FMI/reservations: Charlotte (533-2061).

NRCM/BOA Androscoggin River Paddle; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at Bethel Outdoor Adventures, shuttle to Gilead and enjoy a 10-mile paddle. Bring a lunch. Kayaks (\$45) and canoes (\$65) are available to rent at BOA. Registration is \$20. Space is limited to 40 people. FMI: www.nrcm.org or 430-0115.

Rich Charette Concert; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. As a singer and songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts and spirits of young and old alike with his delightful and inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music and lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many of the songs he will perform at the wildlife park will be about all kinds of Maine Animals!

"Hollywood Homicide," a murder mystery production; Four Seasons Function Center, Main Street, South Paris. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. "Mystery for Hire" will host the dinner theater show as a fundraiser for the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club. Tickets: \$40/person. FMI/ticket purchases: Tina Croteau (393-3612) or Mary Anna Palmer (539-4800).

Sunday, Sept. 8

Letter B Notch Riders Meeting; 9 a.m., Upton House. Plans for the fall ride and cookout will be made at the meeting.

Community BBQ Supper; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Keith Crockett-Harrington's Eagle Scout Project - a 16x24 covered picnic shelter between the Hanover Town Office and library.

Sept. 9 and 23

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 9

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. The topic for the September meeting will be "How can our culture foster small business?" Ted Gerber will be the moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Special Hanover Select Board Meeting; 5 p.m., Hanover Town House. Up for discussion: the potential cost of providing winter maintenance for the South Shore Road.

Supper Dance; 5 to 9 p.m., American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Music by the Jones Band. Adults: Supper/\$8, Supper and dance/\$10. Children/\$3.50. Doors open at 4 p.m.

"The North Country: Looking Ahead" Event; 6 p.m., White Mountains Community College, Berlin, N.H. Panel discussion moderated by WMCC president, Katharine Eneguess. Free and open to the public. FMI/RSVP: Tamara Roberge (603-752-1113 ext. 3062).

Sept. 11 through 15

Crossroads International Celtic Festival; For five days in September, attendees will enjoy musicians from all over the Celtic world - a unique celebration of music and culture - dozens of concerts all over the county, an extensive line-up of community events, and a nightly festival club! For a

complete list of performers and venues visit: crossroadscelticfestival.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., the Funky Red Barn. Menu: Prime rib or haddock - \$12. Reservations must be made before Sept. 1 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877) with your choice. The foliage trip will be discussed and members will decide where they want to go.

Thursday, Sept. 12

How to Keep Your Balance; 2 to 3 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Lissa Merrill, the Director of Physical Therapy at Stephens Memorial Hospital will talk about a program well known nationally, Matter of Balance, as well as a program offered locally at no charge called Staying on Your Feet. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Seed Saving Workshop/Harvest Party; Alan Day Community Garden. Workshop with Scott Vlaun from 3 to 5 p.m. Harvest party featuring a potluck meal, music and campfire from 5 to 7 p.m.

BHS Annual Meeting; A 6:30 potluck supper at the Mason House will precede the Society's Annual Meeting, during which officers and trustees for 2013-2014 will be elected and the BHS Historic Preservation Award presented. Following the Annual Meeting, Stanley R. Howe will talk about his ongoing work on a biography of William Bingham, II.

Celtic Reflections; 7 p.m., Brick Church for the Performing Arts, Lovell. Performances by Long Time Courting, Frank Ferrel, and Chrissy Crowley. Tickets: \$15 at the door or at http://crossroadscelticfestival.com/shows. FMI: http://crossroadscelticfestival.com or 207-925-1500.

Celtic Cabaret; 7 p.m., 49 Franklin. Performances by magician, Scot Grassette, New Brunswick fiddler Kathleen Gorey-McSorley and Maine duo "The Squid Jiggers."

Sept. 13 through 15

The \$10,000 Sunday River Open Dart Tournament; Welcoming shooters of all abilities from across North America to the Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Join us for a chance to win a part of a \$10,000 prize purse. This is your chance to shoot with top-ranked players or to watch the action of highly competitive matches.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Meeting; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center. Topic: Preparing and medicating bees for winter. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrou@roadrunner.com).

BBQ Chicken Public Supper; 5 to 7 p.m., Masonic Building, Bryant Pond. BBQ Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner rolls and vanilla and chocolate pudding. Coffee, tea, punch and Crystal Lite. \$8/adults, \$5/children 10 and under. Reservations (8 or more): 312-9197. Takeout available. FMI: 739-2268 or 744-9322.

Season Extension with Anna Sysko; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location: TBA.

Celtic Festival Event; 7 p.m., Rumford Falls Auditorium. Performances by the Lina Boudreau Trio, Dominique Dupuis and Arsenault.

Swingin' Bears Dance Club; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School. Walter Lougee will call for the Mainstream/Plus square dance and Carol Arsenault will cue for the Round Dancing. Refreshments, door prizes and a Pot O' Gold drawing. Admission: \$6. Non-dancers welcome at no charge. FMI: www.squaredanceme.us/ or 207-782-4060.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Finnish-American Heritage Society Meeting; 2 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Following a brief business meeting, Natalie Parsons will present a program on her recent tour of Finland. Open to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 21

2013 Harvest Fest and "Chowdah" Cook-off; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel. Arts and crafts, "chowdahs" from area restaurants, apple pie contest, Maine baked potatoes, wood-carving demonstration, entertainment at the Bethel Common gazebo, lecture and book signing with David B. Field, free horse-drawn wagon rides. FMI: www.bethelharvestfest.com.

SWOAM Meeting; 9 a.m., Huntress/Hounsell Tree Farm, Collins Farm Road, Hebron. Topic: Managing an early successional forest. Free and open to the public. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30 a.m.

Finnish Language Classes; Beginner classes, 10:30 to 12:30. Intermediate classes, 1 to 3 at the Finnish-American Heritage Center. Marja-Leena Bailey will offer beginner and intermediate level Finnish language classes. FMI: 674-5539 or 743-5677.

Public Supper; 5:30 to 6:30, West Bethel Union Church. Adults/\$8, children under 12/\$3.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Community Supper; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (no charge), Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 207-824-2289.

Sept. 26 through Oct. 6

Autumn Splendor 2013, a Quilt Shop Hop through Western Maine; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Participating shops include Pins & Needles, Farmington; Threads Galore Quilt Shop, Rangeley; North Woods Quilting, Wilsons Mills; The Quilt

Shop at the Rostay, Bethel; Kedar Quilts, Waterford; Babbling Brook Quilt Shop, Norway; and Oxford Mill End Store, Oxford. At each shop, quilters will receive piecing directions for one row of the seven rows in the "Autumn Splendor Row by Row" quilt. Finishing instructions for the quilt will be given to hoppers when they visit their seventh shop. Completed passports will be entered in the grand drawing for gift certificates from each shop. There will be goodies and door prizes along the way. FMI: https://sites.google.com/a/threads-galore.com/autumn-splendor.

Sept. 27 through 29

GROWing Awareness of Organizing; Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center. The 10th annual GROW (grassroots organizing workshop) weekend. Workshop topics include strategy development, influencing public policy, power analysis, overcoming oppression, listening and storytelling, and Organizing 101. Cost: \$10 to \$80 (based on ability to pay). FMI/registration: Jacqui Deveneau at (207) 284-3358 or jacquie50@yahoo.com, Iggy Brimmer at (207) 415-4458 or iggy19@riseup.net, or Larry Dansinger at (207) 525-7776 or rosc@psouth.net.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Errol Heritage Days/Lumberjack Competition; Errol, N.H. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.: Pancake breakfast. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Vendors, bake sale, raffles and Lumberjack Competition. Lumberjack contact: Gerry Gingras (603-482-3370). Vendor contact: Cheryl Lord (603-482-7747).

White Mountains Writers' and Book Festival; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., White Mountains Community College. Workshops, vendors and keynote address by acclaimed author, Howard Frank Mosher. \$15 per workshop. Food will be available for purchase.

Friday, Oct. 4

Alder River Grange Meeting; Alder River Grange Hall. A quick meeting followed by a "peel party" to prep veggies for the Harvest Supper.

Oct. 5 and 6

Albany Improvement Association Annual Yard Sale; 9 a.m., Albany Town Hall. To donate items, please call 824-2568 or 824-2216.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Western Maine Walk to End Alzheimer's; 8 a.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Participate in a three-mile walk and learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment, and support programs and services. To start or join a team visit alz.org/maine/walk or call 800-272-3900.

Harvest Supper; 5 p.m., Alder River Grange Hall. \$8/adults, \$3/children 12 and under.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Library fundraiser; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hanover Library. Bake sale, craft sale, book sale, trash and treasure sale. Lunch menu: hot dogs, chili dogs, doughnuts, coffee, soda, etc. Quilt raffle: Quilt for all seasons. Basket raffle: Nine theme baskets including "Blueberry Morning," "Quilters Stash" (complete quilt kit), "For Kids, by Kids," "Octoberfest," "Spirits and Games of the Past," "Man's Basket" (annual favorite made by men), "Holiday Breakfast," "Raggedy Ann and Andy," and "Snowman Craze."

14th Annual Wife Carrying Championship; The traditional vow exclaiming "to have and to hold" will take on a whole new meaning for the 50 couples set to compete in Sunday River Resort's 14th annual North American Wife Carrying Championships. Registration is open. FMI: SundayRiver.com.

Sunday, Oct. 13

Mountain Raid at Sunday River; The RAID Series is comprised of three unique obstacle races that take place in downtown Portland, the beaches of Kennebunk, and finally the mountains at Sunday River. These runs will challenge your physical fitness, your mental stamina, and your ability to adapt to unique conditions and landscapes. Offering outstanding venues and large scale obstacles such as cargo nets, monkey bars, stair climbs, sand bag carries, tire fields, and much more, the RAID Series is designed for athletes who want a high-quality racing experience focused on performance and personal accomplishment. The 4 mile and 12 mile trail runs are in the morning with the 4 mile Mountain RAID obstacle course at 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Seed Saving with Anna Sysko; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location: TBA.

Oct. 25 and 26

Annual Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale; Friday 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Gould Academy Field House.

Oct. 25 through 27

Ghosts and Gravestones Getaway Weekend; Bethel Inn Resort. A phantom-filled weekend of Ghost Hunting, Historic Tours and Resort Activities! Hosted by The Bethel Inn Resort and the Bethel Historical Society. \$259 per couple per night - includes meals, lodging lectures and all taxes and resort fees. Space limited to 50 people. FMI/reservations: (800) 654-0125 or www.bethelinn.com.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Aquaponic Gardening; 5:30 to 7:30, U. Maine 4-H Camp, Bryant Pond. Workshop with Julek Chawarski.

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CODED RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

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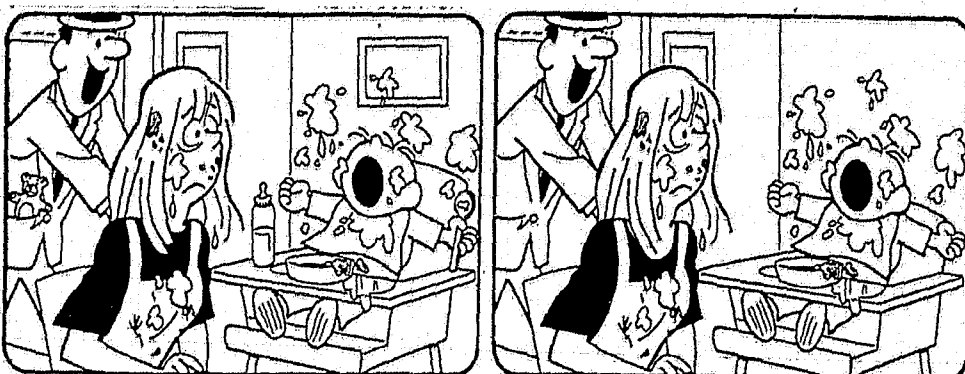
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Bear is missing. 2. Neckline is lower. 3. Bottle is missing.
4. Picture is missing. 5. Chair is lower. 6. Spoon is missing.

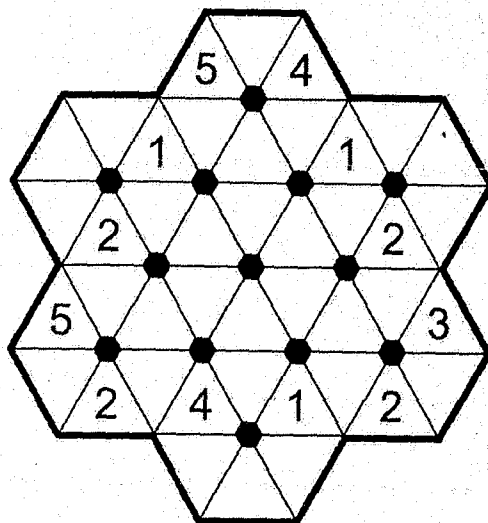
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Tear KRABE
Grouse PIRGE
Easy LIMPSE
Bland ALPIN

TODAY'S WORD

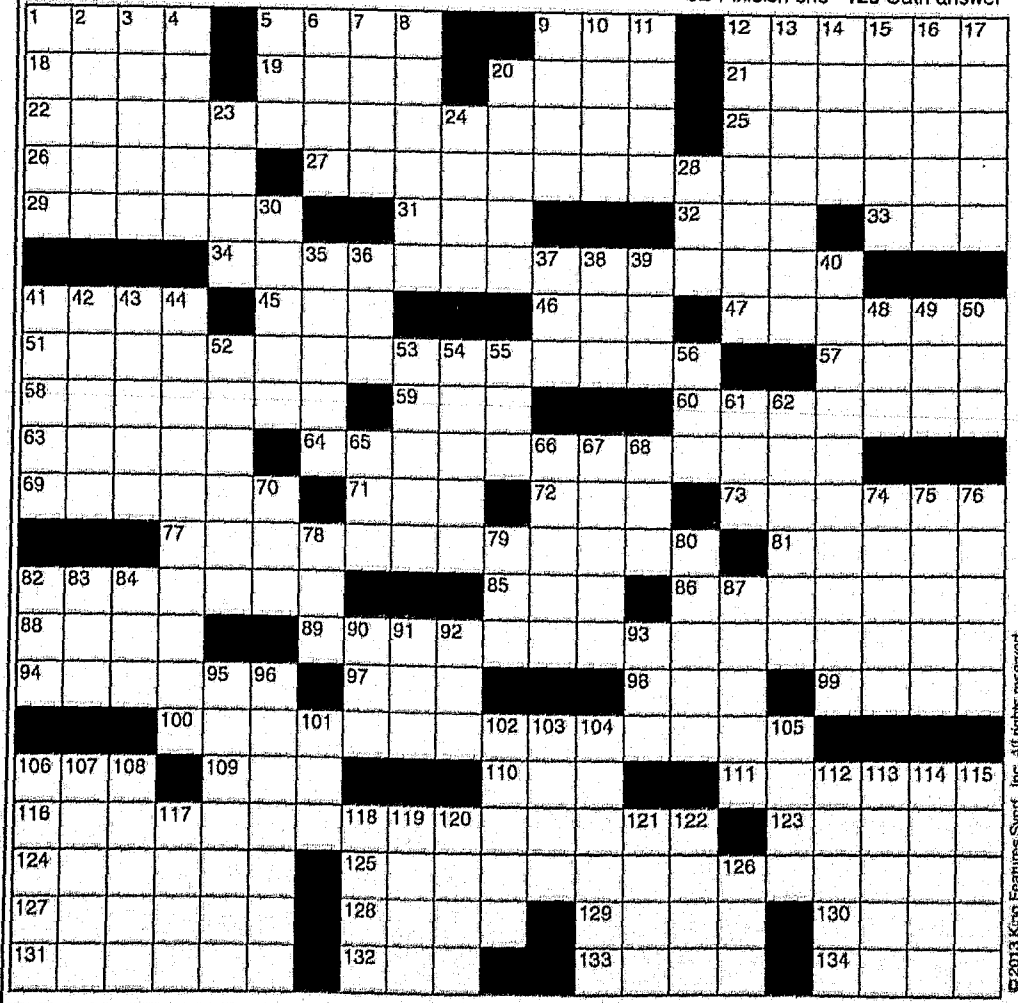


"I don't mind the crowd booing me, but you're my...!"

Super Crossword

HOLIDAY TEAM

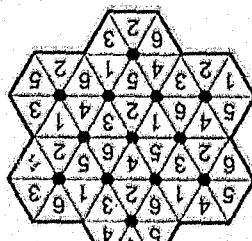
- ACROSS
- 1 Guns, as a motor
 - 5 Doorway
 - 9 Place-setting base
 - 12 "Scram!"
 - 18 Rink jump
 - 19 Morales of "Bad Boys"
 - 20 City near Mauna Kea
 - 21 See 5-Down
 - 22 Holiday team member #1
 - 25 Loving type
 - 26 British coins
 - 27 Holiday team member #2
 - 29 Plans down
 - 31 "Tree-one" M.C.
 - 32 Aop to a bird
 - 33 The who's canonized
 - 34 Holiday team member #3
 - 41 Honolulu's home
 - 45 Swiss river to the Rhine
 - 46 Stew gobble
 - 47 Marine route
 - 51 Holiday team member #4
 - 57 Actor's quest
 - 58 Having no wheels
 - 59 Gold, in Rome
 - 60 Wild cats
 - 63 Poet Tale
 - 64 Holiday team member #5
 - 69 Utters again
 - 71 Archer's skill
 - 72 Prefix with paganism
 - 73 Director Van Peebles
 - 77 Holiday team member #6
 - 81 Sisters' daughter
 - 82 "The Real McCoy's"
 - 85 The "4" of 4/1/11: Abbr.
 - 86 Auto garage worker, at times
 - 88 Rice-A--
 - 89 Holiday team member #7
 - 94 Port in Denmark
 - 97 Playa -- Play
 - 98 Bitter beer
 - 99 "Guarding --" (1994 movie)
 - 100 Holiday team member #8
 - 106 Thurman of movies
 - 109 Valueless
 - 110 Quite a ways
 - 111 Antenna
 - 116 Holiday team member #9
 - 123 "Leave It to Beaver" role
 - 124 Marrying minister, e.g.
 - 125 Holiday team member #10
 - 127 Like brains and ears
 - 128 Kitchen gadget brand
 - 129 Chilled
 - 130 A while ago
 - 131 Record label for Kenny G
 - 132 Chance of "Brigadoon"
 - 133 Aware of
 - 134 Storied Fed Elliot
 - 1 Big name in lawn mowers
 - 12 Standard -- (leaders of movements)
 - 13 Sanction
 - 14 Really eager
 - 15 Bicycle pair
 - 16 Unreactive
 - 17 Concise
 - 20 Port-au-Pooh
 - Prince's land
 - 23 Captures
 - 24 Telephoned
 - 28 Young pal of
 - 30 Fixes, as a pet
 - 35 -- Rizzo ("Midnight Cowboy" role)
 - 36 Feeling of rage
 - 37 "Science Friday" airer
 - 38 "How about that!"
 - 39 Partakes of
 - 40 Dawn's illumination
 - 41 Muppet grouch
 - 42 "Behold -- Horse" (1964 drama)
 - 43 Tosses
 - 44 Breaking, as a bad habit
 - 48 Be a suitor of
 - 49 Cockpit datum: Abbr.
 - 50 "I agree"
 - 52 Paul Newman's Ohio alma mater
 - 53 Giant in oil
 - 54 First-rate
 - 55 Little kid
 - 56 Bawl
 - 61 Amazon --
 - 62 Blissful
 - 65 Hotfooted it
 - 66 Ham-handed
 - 67 United -- College Fund
 - 68 Oozy stuff
 - 70 Little, in Scotland
 - 74 -- cavae (big blood vessels)
 - 75 Cake finishers
 - 76 Square ones
 - 78 Ampersand's meaning
 - 79 Dirt Devil, e.g., briefly
 - 80 "The Little Rascals" girl
 - 82 Pal
 - 83 Axle, for one
 - 84 Compass pt.
 - 87 "Therein -- tale"
 - 90 Lupino of Hollywood
 - 91 Pal of Slimpy
 - 92 Pixieish one
 - 93 "Too-Ra-Lo-Lo-Ra-Lo-Lo-Lo" (Irish lullaby)
 - 95 Keystone Kops creator
 - 96 Nation north of Ethiopia
 - 101 Livy's 1,051
 - 102 -- a bad start
 - 103 Popular nickname for tennis star
 - 104 Bay Area city, briefly
 - 105 Axed down
 - 106 Palate dangle
 - 107 Grand house
 - 108 Trial excuse
 - 112 A noble gas
 - 113 Actress -- Kristen
 - 114 Smart -- (wiseacres)
 - 115 Harp's kin
 - 117 LAX guesses
 - 118 Tiny division of a min.
 - 119 Tasting of wood, as some wines
 - 120 Like albums, nowadays
 - 121 Dianetics proponent -- Hubbard
 - 122 Defreeze
 - 126 Oath answer



Kids' Maze Solution

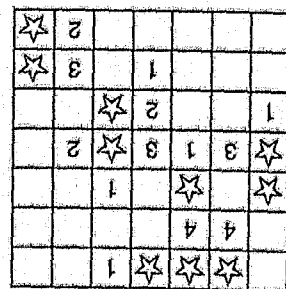
SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word:
3. Simple; 4. Plain
1. Break; 2. Grip; 3. Simple; 4. Plain

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ANSWER
How do you know that toothed reference
is happy?

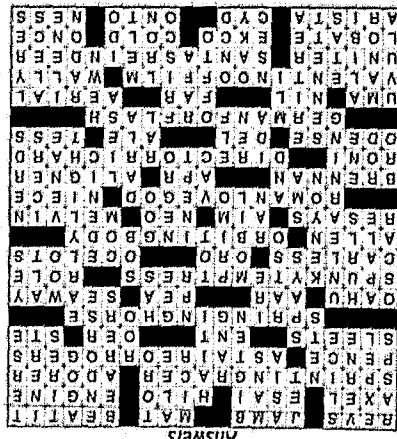


SNOWFLAKES
solution

ANSWERS:
Star Map
solution



ANSWERS:
Star Map
solution



Super Crossword

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BFHC offers dental hygiene

Bethel Family Health Center has announced the start of a Dental Hygiene Services program for children age 20 and younger, beginning Sept. 11.

Sharon Smith-Bouchard, Independent Practice Dental Hygienist, will provide dental hygiene services to patients 20 and younger, twice a month. Dental hygiene services include cleanings, sealants, preventive care, fluoride varnish treatments, temporary protective restoration, and referrals.

Although tooth decay is largely preventable, it remains the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 11 years and adolescents aged 12 to 19 years. Tooth decay is four times more common than asthma among adolescents aged 14 to 17 years.

Bethel Family Health Center is committed to holistically treating each patient. With that goal in mind, the Health Center has made marked commitments to the integration of behavioral/mental health ser-

vices, assistance services and now, dental hygiene services.

"Everyone here at Bethel Family Health Center is excited about this new program," said Dianna Milot, Practice Manager. "There is a real need for dental hygiene services in Maine, and our program is available to anyone age 20 and under in the greater community, including MaineCare recipients, and that is something we are very proud of."

All insurances will be accepted, and financial assistance is available for people without health insurance. The program will not replace existing relationships that patients have with area dentists, rather, it will offer an option to those who find it hard to access dental care because of cost or distance.

People wishing to make an appointment should call 207-824-2193. Bethel Family Health Center is located at 82 Railroad Street in Bethel. www.BethelCHC.org.

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JOSEPH A. PERHAM

Joseph A. "Joe" Perham passed away Wednesday, Aug. 28, of Alzheimer's Disease. He was 80 years old.

A renowned American humorist, folklorist, storyteller and educator, Joe was born in West Paris on Oct. 26, 1932, to Harold C. "Red" and Mary "Mazie" Slattery Perham. Joe was one of 13 farm children, a fact that he frequently alluded to in his storytelling. "I never slept alone 'til I was married," and "No sir! I'm bringing that bull out to see YOU!" typified his sense of family and of humor.

Joe graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colby College in 1955 and went on to earn advanced degrees in English and education from the University of Maine. A "B.S., and any farm boy can tell you what that stands for, a M.S., or 'More of the Same' and a Ph.D., just 'Piled Higher and Deeper'."

He never missed a single day in his 26 years of classroom instruction in English literature, speech and drama, inspiring an entire generation of high school students at Paris High School, Leavitt Institute and Oxford Hills High School, where he served as head of the English department. After retiring at the age of 48, Joe continued to shape young minds as an "Artist in Residence" at elementary schools across the state.

In 1954, Joe married the love of his life, Peg Grover, and they had four children. "JodyCathyDavidChip" as he was wont to say, ensuring his message got to the right recipient. Seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, along with his cat, George, followed and he loved them all fully and without reservation.

All the world was Joe's stage, and he strutted and fretted his hours thereon with unabashed magnificence. Joe drew the spotlight like a lantern draws smelt. He WAS Hamlet, Willie Loman, Rubashov and Bard. He resurrected Holman Day, Artemus Ward, Solomon Chase and Abraham Lincoln.

He wrote, produced and performed 17 best-selling albums of Maine humor and folklore. His television cred-

its include six PBS specials, "On the Road" with Charles Kuralt, "In the Kitchen" with Kendall Morse, and commercials for the Boston Red Sox, NBC "Game of the Week" and the Maine State Lottery. He received the Broderson Award for writing and artists for his radio commercials for the Maine Office of Tourism. He appeared in two films, Stephen King's "Graveyard Shift" and "Bed and Breakfast" with his wife, Peg, along with Roger Moore.

A Universalist lay preacher, Joe "married 'em and buried 'em." He compassionately served the congregations of several area churches, writing and delivering his own sermons and officiating hundreds of weddings and funerals. Joe was a 50-year member of the Masonic Granite Lodge of West Paris, where he proudly served, advancing through every chair. Joe was also very much in-demand as an after dinner speaker, a Maine Touring Artist, an auctioneer and square dance caller. An avid hunter, fisherman and member of the Biggest Bucks of Maine Club, Joe was feared by big game from Maine to Alaska.

Joe is survived by Peg, his wife of 59 years; his four children, Joseph Jr. of Howland, Catherine and husband, Raymond Hicks, of Charlottesville, Va., David and wife, Inga, of Eugene, Ore.,

and Christopher "Chip" of Natick, Mass.; seven grandchildren, Jara and husband, Sean Wilson, of South Paris, Luke Gizinski of Lewiston, Fiona Gizinski and husband, Angelo Diaz Brandon, of Florida, Meryl Gizinski of Tampa, Fla., Mary Amelia Hicks of Charlottesville, Va., Grant Perham of Glen Carbon, Ill., and Graham Perham of Eugene, Ore.; nine great-grandchildren, Nadja Ward, Ashlee, Caden, Reagan and Kennedy Wilson, Kloe Gizinski, Niaya, Angel and Hayden Diaz; four sisters, Margaret "Peggy" and husband, Gilbert Turner, Mary Ann Brown, Martha and husband, Roger Sirois, and Nancy Perham; five brothers, Alfred C. Perham and wife, Dotty, Roscoe E. Perham and wife, Fay, Bradley L. Perham, Douglas A. Perham and John L. Perham and wife, Iris; and hundreds of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Joe was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Harold C. Perham Jr. and Sidney D. Perham; a sister, Natalie N. Rice; sisters-in-law, Sarah Perham, Mary Ann Perham and Kathy Perham; and brothers-in-law, Herbert J. Rice Jr. and Raymond "Ray" Brown.

Joe's family would like to express their gratitude to the special staff at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris who cared for and about Joe

over the last 15 months of his life, and for the many kindnesses extended to his family.

"Let the work I do ...
Let the love I share ...
Let the friends I have ...
Let the life I lead ...
speak for me." —Hymn



JOYCE A. LAMB

Joyce A. Lamb, 84, of West Paris, died at Brentwood Nursing Center, Yarmouth, on Aug. 26, 2013. She was born in Buckfield on Nov. 8, 1928, to Wendell and Nina Doble Allen. She married Newton Smith Lamb on June 21, 1947. Newton died in 1998. They were happily married for 51 years.

Joyce is survived by her six children, eleven grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Surviving are Joseph, Micki and Leighton Lamb of Athens, Ohio; Judith Lamb and Robert Collins of Lamoine; Nina, Robert, Joshua and Emily Hyssong of South Portland; Kyra, Gene and Molly Flaherty of Sabattus; Kelly, Cameron, Nicolas, Sophia and Weston Hartley of Auburn; Allen and Myrna Lamb of Park City, Utah; Amber Lamb of Fort Collins, Colo.; Aaron and Maureen Lamb of Albuquerque, N.M.; Margaret Lamb and Michael Seaton of Augusta; Kenneth Lamb of West Paris; Kenneth, Caleb, Kyle, Catherine, Carolyn Lamb of South Paris; Wendy Lamb and Willis Hayes of Athens, Ga.

She is survived by her two sisters, Cynthia Lamb and Ethelyn Turner, both of South Paris. Their brother, Glendon Allen, of Buckfield,

died in 2006.

Joyce was an accomplished seamstress. In 1947 she won the 4-H Maine State Style Dress Review, and modeled her dress at the National 4-H Dress Review in Chicago.

She was a long-time member of the First Universalist Church of West Paris. She held various board positions, including president, and was active in the ladies' groups. Her memberships included the West Paris Historical Society, Extension Service, Senior Citizens, and Locke's Mills American Legion Auxiliary.

Joyce held many jobs over her lifetime. She sewed casket linings for IW Andrews for many years. She worked as nurse at Stephen's Memorial Hospital, Norway; Clover Hospice in Auburn; Camp Susan Curtis, East Stoneham; and Ferry Beach Conference Center, Saco. She also did private-duty nursing, was a Hospice Volunteer in the Oxford Hills area, and volunteered at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris. She was a town columnist for the Bethel Citizen for many years, where she featured the adventures of Buffy, her favorite cat.

Education was very important to Joyce. She earned her Licensed Practical Nursing degree in 1971 from CMVIT, Lewiston. She received her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from USM, Portland, in 2000, after studying for several years. She was very proud that each of her children has a college degree, and that two of her sons and two of her sons-in-law have Ph.D.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, at 11 a.m., at the First Universalist Church of West Paris. Donations may be made to the West Paris UU Church Memorial Fund, in her memory. (First Universalist Church, Attn: Donna Marshall, PO Box 36, West Paris, Maine 04289)

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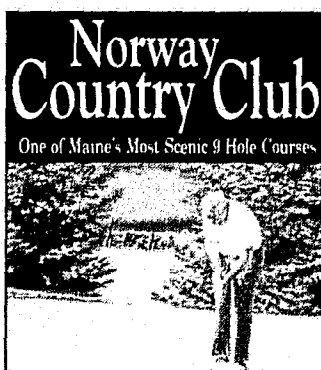
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